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JEWES ATTACK BRITISH H.Q.

Mortar Shelling Of Security Area

CHARGED WITH WOOD MURDER

Three Chinese were arraigned before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of murdering Mr. Lytton Bevis Wood at a path leading from Lion Rock, Shatin, on Feb. 11. On the application of Div. Supt. Charles Mortimer, the defendants were remanded for three days in custody.

Communist Coup In Slovakia

Prague, Feb. 24. The Communists have seized power in the eastern province of Slovakia and isolated the province from communication with the rest of Czechoslovakia.

Slovak Democratic Party officials at Bratislava told the United Press by telephone at noon that the Communists had succeeded in taking over the Ministry of Interior but five other Democratic members were still in their offices.

The Slovak Communist leader, Gustav Buzak, notified them yesterday, according to the official announcement, that they were "considered" to have resigned. He said he acted with Premier Klement Gottwald's approval.

Bratislava officials, however, denied the reports that the Communists have installed a Mayor.

Telephone communications between Prague and Bratislava were normal at noon after repeated interruptions since Monday afternoon. Telephone connections were not available except for Marxist newspapers.

Gottwald, speaking at a meeting to establish a "Central Action Committee" in Prague last night, predicted the "crisis" will be resolved soon, certainly in a few days, perhaps in a matter of hours. — United Press.

Nanking Ready To Negotiate Peace?

Shanghai, Feb. 24. The influential English-language newspaper China Press, a strong supporter of the Central Government in an editorial titled "These Peace Rumours" declared today that China as well as other troubled countries in the world wants peace.

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Wing Of Hospital Blown Up

Jerusalem, Feb. 24. Jewish forces attacked the police headquarters in the British security area of Jerusalem with mortars at noon today.

A London despatch said the Exchange Telegraph reported from Jerusalem that the Arab maternity wing of the Government Hospital in the centre of Jerusalem was blown up.

Jewish mortars hidden deep in the newly fortified Jewish sector opened an attack on the British security area at noon, firing three shells at the British police headquarters there.

The attack was launched shortly after several hundred British troops began street fighting manoeuvres in the British zone in what appeared to be a show of strength.

The first mortar bomb landed on the century-old Russian compound which contains the law courts, police headquarters and the Government Hospital. The maternity ward was damaged.

Police H.Q. Hit

The second shell exploded on the roof of the temporary police office on the southern side of the compound housing police headquarters.

The third exploded on St. Paul's Road in the vicinity of Barclay's Bank which is in the Arab sector.

The British manoeuvres were staged after the Government announced that Sir Algernon Willis, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, conferred throughout the week-end with Lt. Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner of Palestine.

Open Warfare

It was believed that they discussed emergency security arrangements in view of the vir-

CHINA EXPORTS IN CHINESE BOTTOMS

Shanghai, Feb. 24. The Ministry of Communications has instructed the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company that China's export shipments will in future mainly be carried by Chinese ships.

The instructions, serving as a reply to the Company's request, were made upon the approval of the Executive Yuan. They also expressed the hope that coordination will further be strengthened in this respect between the Company, the Central Trust and the National Resources Commission and at the same time, the Ministry of Finance was also urged to render the utmost assistance and cooperation. — Central News.

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Manchuria Debacle Continues

Shanghai, Feb. 24. The fall of another "outpost" of Mukden was imminent today as thousands of Communist troops stormed into the coal-mining centre of Penki, 40 miles southeast of Mukden.

At the same time elaborate Communist preparations for an early attack on Sining, 30 miles west of Mukden, and Tieling, 40 miles to the north are reported.

These attacks are expected to get under way as soon as the expected battle for the port of Yingkou in southern Manchuria flares up. A sizeable Red army is at present marching on Yingkou from the recently captured city of Anshan, in an effort to capture or at least isolate the newly-reopened seaport, where heavy Government reinforcements are reported to be landing.

Despite Communist anxiety to neutralize the value of Yingkou to the Nationalists, pro-Government quarters here believe that the greatest weight of the Communist strength will be directed against Sining in the forthcoming attacks, as this is the last Nationalist bastion before Mukden, from the west, and is only 65 miles north of the new headquarters of General Lin Piao, Communist Commander-in-Chief at Lichung.

Considerable uneasiness is said to prevail in Mukden as the Communist stranglehold on the metropolis tightens, with prices of commodities and vital necessities standing at dizzy heights. — Reuter.

Alert On Railway

All army and customs outposts along a 20-kilometre stretch of the Kowloon-Canton railway just across the Kowloon-Kwangtung frontier were alerted early on Monday morning when some 50 armed men were observed in the vicinity of Kutehuan station, according to messages from the border last night.

Chinese troops were rushed from Shumchun to reinforce the army post at Kutehuan, but the armed men had disappeared when they arrived on the scene.

Chinese officials at Shumchun believe that the Canton-bound train from Kowloon on Monday night was carrying an armed gang, attacked the military barracks at Kutehuan and after killing one soldier and wounding two, escaped with more than 20 rifles and a considerable amount of ammunition.

It had earlier made stop-overs at Rome, Athens, Gibraltar, Iraq and Karachi. — Reuter.

Cut In Navy Estimates

London, Feb. 24. Britain will spend £43,700,000 less on the Navy this year than she did in 1947, official estimates disclosed today.

The estimate for the financial year 1948 to 1949 is £153,000,000.

New warships under construction total eleven, one large aircraft carrier, two small aircraft carriers and eight destroyers.

Naval personnel is estimated at 101,500, falling to 100,000 by March 31 this year. — Reuter.

EARL'S ESTATE

London, Feb. 24. The Earl of Harrowood, King George's brother-in-law, who died last May, left an estate valued at £440,000. It was disclosed in the London Daily Mail. — Associated Press.

Queen Of Hearts



The pin-up girl has gone a little out of fashion these days, but Lila Leeds is lovely enough almost to start a revival.

Alleged Smuggling From H.K.

Shanghai, Feb. 24. A Navy court martial today began hearing evidence in the case of Lt. Luther R. Daniels, who was charged with smuggling opium from Hong Kong.

Details of the charges were not revealed but the indictment said Daniels was taken into custody about a month ago by Navy intelligence and that the Chinese police confiscated a single shipment of woolen goods allegedly brought in by Daniels.

Commander M.B. Williams was Court President and Lt. Cdr. Anthony J. Davis, Judge Advocate. George Plotkin was counsel for Daniels.

The trial of Daniels had been delayed pending a decision whether he should face a court martial or a Chinese Court. The court martial decision was made after the Chinese Government waived the right to try defendant under the civil code as United States naval vessels allegedly provided the mode for bringing in the contraband. — United Press.

POPE'S BROTHER DEAD

Vatican City, Feb. 24. Luigi Rossignani, 70, brother-in-law of Pope Pius XII, died last night.

Rossignani, who married the Pope's sister, Elizabeth Pacelli, formerly was employed in the Vatican's administration section. — Associated Press.

MORE IMPORTANT THAN EUROPE

Detroit, Feb. 24. The Far East is "ultimately even more important to our future peace than is Europe," Senator Robert Taft, a possible Republican candidate for the Presidency, said here tonight.

"We should be as much concerned about the advance of Communism in the Far East as we are about the advance of Communism in Europe," he said.

Senator Taft criticized the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall's policy on China, saying: "The truth is that Mr. Marshall does not like the Chinese and has no interest in their problems."

He had been speaking at a luncheon at the Detroit Club. — Associated Press.

RICE AT NEW HIGH

Shanghai, Feb. 24. The price of rice today hit an all-time high of 2,700,000 Chinese dollars per picul of 170 pounds—an increase of 300,000 Chinese dollars over yesterday's quotations.

The City authorities were given the go-ahead sign by Premier Chang Chun to lift the price ceiling on this essential commodity and encourage imports of rice into the city.

Malaya's First Parliament

Singapore, Feb. 23. Malaya's first central "Parliament," set up under the new 23-day old Federal Constitution, and including two women, met for the first time this morning at Kuala Lumpur, 200 miles northwest of Singapore.

The new constitution replaced the previous system of four federated states, five non-federated states and two separate British Settlements of Penang and Malacca.

The new 75-member Federal Council represents the nine Malay states and the two settlements.

The British High Commissioner, Sir Edward Gent, who nominated most of the 61 non-official members of the Council, presided at today's meeting, which was occupied with the swearing in of the Council members and the appointment of committees.

Lord Listowel, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, was also present.

Malayans, with 31 seats, hold the majority among the non-official members. The Chinese, who earlier threatened to boycott the Council because of their alleged inadequate representation, were given 16 seats. — Reuter.

Defence Talks In Auckland

Auckland, Feb. 24. Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, Air Officer Commanding Far East, Rear-Admiral Clifford Caslon, Flag Officer, Malaya, and Major-General Harold Brown, Chief of Staff, Far East Land Forces, arrived here today for talks with the New Zealand Government and the Chiefs of Staff.

They will stay until March 6. Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd emphasized the importance to Britain and the world of strong and efficient British forces in a zone seething with discontent.

He said that the stability and peace which was flourishing in Singapore and Hong Kong depended ultimately on the armed forces.

"Indochina, Sumatra and China keep some stability because of the real stability in Singapore and Hong Kong. The whole thing is a great credit to British enterprise and leadership." — Reuter.

Singapore Rumours

Tokyo, Feb. 24. Neither SCAP nor United Kingdom Liaison Mission trade officials have any knowledge at present of a Straits Times report that the Singapore Government has refused all import licences for Japanese textiles since Feb. 20 on instructions either from SCAP or the Colonial Office.

The U.K. Mission said it last received a communication from Singapore on Feb. 17 at which time no mention of any such refusal was made.

The pegging up of rice came as a result of a petition to the local authorities by rice merchants, who asserted that with the "unrealistic" fixing of price, the import of sufficient rice into Shanghai would be discouraged and the people's livelihood threatened.

They pointed out that prices were rising heavily in other cities, notably in Nanking and Hankow.

Premier Chang Chun, in approving the abolition of official control over the price of rice, urged that the situation be handled in accordance with prevailing conditions in Shanghai.

Shares Soar. Meanwhile, foreign and Chinese shares continued the rapid rise which started a week ago with some popular shares quoted 20 per cent higher than yesterday.

However, the United States dollar, which fetched 270,000 Chinese dollars on the black market last night, dropped to around 255,000. Gold still stood around CN\$17,000,000 per ounce and in terms of the United States was quoted at \$68 per ounce. — Reuter.

Associated Press quotes the price of rice in Canton as CN\$2,800,000.

Hotel Boys Complaint

A meeting of the Hong Kong Foreign Labour Union will be held this evening to discuss the recent dismissal of approximately 100 employees by the Hong Kong Hotel.

The Union has also been asked to act on behalf of employees in connection with the alleged failure of the Hong Kong, Peninsular and Republic Bay Hotels, as well as the Lido, to abide by the terms of an agreement to pay overtime for all work performed in excess of nine hours.

A further meeting of the Union will be held at the Luk Kwok Hotel on Mar. 7, to discuss measures to be taken for the relief of employees who have lost employment.

CEYLON BRIBERY

Colombo, Feb. 24. Mr. Justice Ralph Windham today held Mr. George E. de Silva, Ceylon's Minister of Industries, guilty of corrupt election practice by offering bribes and making false statements about his election opponent.

Mr. de Silva was disqualified from voting or contesting any election for seven years.

His election to the Ceylon Parliament had been declared void by an election tribunal as a result of two petitions, challenging his victory at the polls as member for Kandy. — Reuter.

Talks On Smuggling With Macao

Preliminary negotiations are scheduled in Macao this week-end between the Chinese and Portuguese authorities for an Anti-Smuggling Pact, similar to the agreement recently concluded between the Hong Kong and Chinese Governments, the "China Mail" learned from reliable sources last night.

Mr. Cyril Rogers, British financial adviser to the Central Bank of China, and Mr. Fisher Yu, senior official of the same bank, are expected to leave Shanghai in a few days for Macao to start initial negotiations.

Mr. Rogers' trip will be recalled, took part in the Sino-British discussions which eventually led to the signing of the Anti-Smuggling Pact.

Initial talks with the Macao authorities were undertaken by Mr. K.C. Ling, Deputy Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, during the latter's recent visit to South China.

Chinese sources told the "China Mail" last night that the China-Singapore Anti-Smuggling Pact, although originally concluded, was still in partial operation. They pointed out that the pact could not be fully enforced since a similar agreement is concluded with

BAN ON SHIPMENTS OF CLOTH

Shanghai, Feb. 24. A ban on shipments of cotton cloth to North China is to be reimposed here as from today, according to a ruling of the Textiles Control Commission.

Synchronizing with the ban, the Commission has instructed the China Textiles Industries Incorporated to dump huge quantities of cotton yarn on the local market as an attempt to force down the spiralling price.

The Commission attributed the prevailing runaway cotton market mainly to the channelling of cotton cloth to the south as well as local hoarding. — Central News.

CANADA AND H.K. DEFENCE

Ottawa, Feb. 24. Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, and the opposition party leaders have discussed privately whether the full evidence of the Royal Commission of inquiry into Canada's part in the defence of Hong Kong before it fell to the Japanese in 1941 should be published.

It is believed that no definite decision was reached, but Mr. Mackenzie King may make a statement to the Canadian House of Commons shortly.

When he received the British Government's reply last week-end to a request for permission to publish it, Mr. Mackenzie King indicated that British still objected to the disclosure of part of the evidence, some of which had been given originally by Britain on condition that it would not be made public.

The report of the Royal Commission was published during the war, but the evidence was not.

The Canadian opposition has claimed that Canadian troops sent to Hong Kong were poorly trained and lacked equipment. — Reuter.

RATIONING IN CHINA

Nanking, Feb. 24. The Executive Yuan this morning approved the rationing scheme in the five cities of Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin, Peiping and Canton. The scheme is scheduled to begin on March 1. — United Press.

Parliament had been declared void by an election tribunal as a result of two petitions, challenging his victory at the polls as member for Kandy. — Reuter.

The Weather

General Situation—The anti-cyclone which was centred over Central China has now collapsed except for a weakening cell of high pressure over the Eastern Sea. A deepening trough of low pressure is spreading northwards from the depression centred over North China. The depression over Hainan has deepened and is tending to spread northwards.

Forecast—Moderate south-north-east winds, cloudy with occasional rain and drizzle, and a temperature rise.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 61°; Minimum: 41°; Rainfall: 0.1 inch.

Today's Forecast—Maximum: 63°; Minimum: 43°; Rainfall: 0.2 inch.

Sea and Air—Sea: Slight swell from the south. Air: Mild, with a temperature rise.

Notes—The weather is generally favourable for the coming week, with a temperature rise and a slight increase in rainfall.

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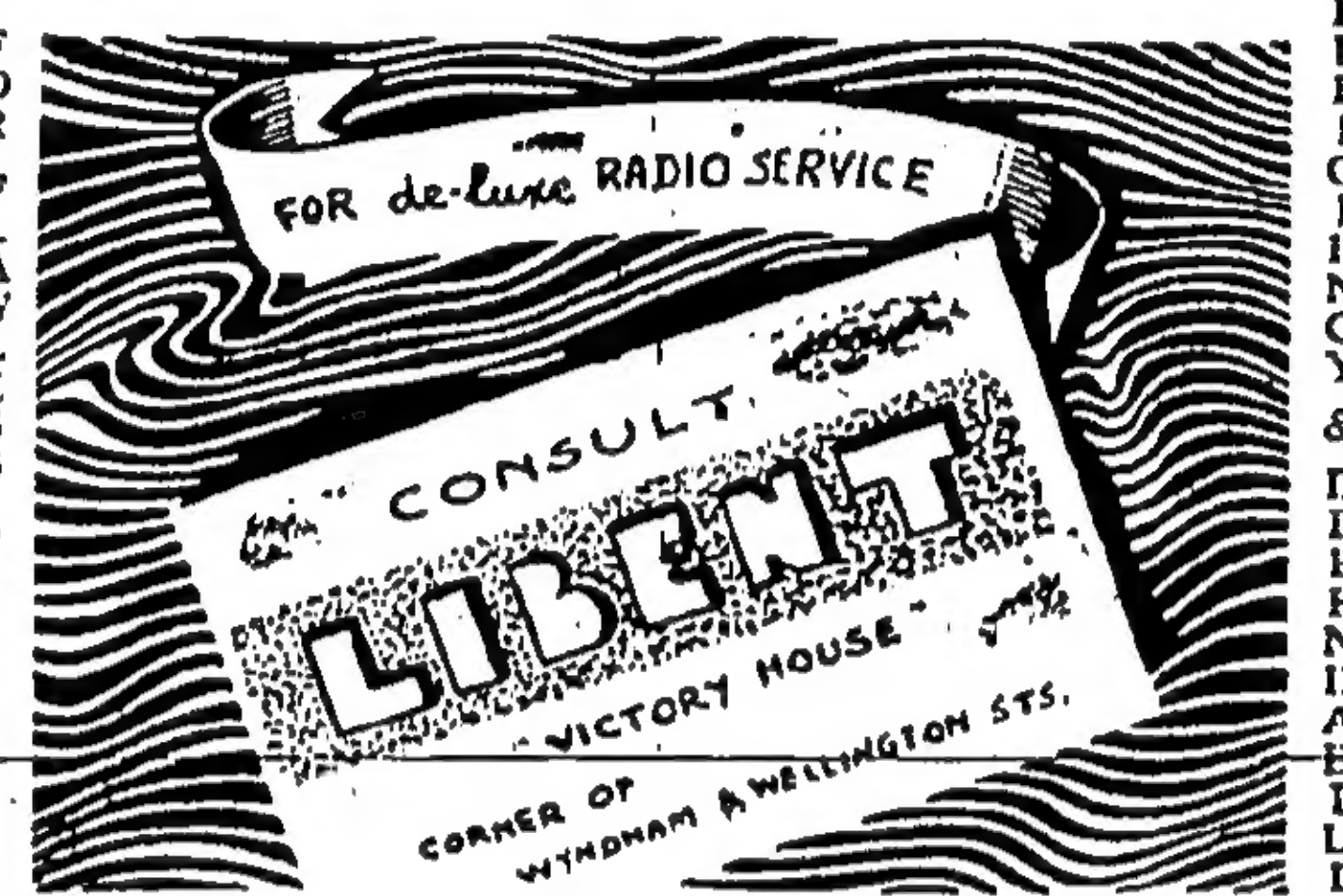
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NEW AMBULANCE PRESENTED

Ceremony At Murray Parade Ground

Donated by Mr. Aw Boon Haw, a fully-equipped ambulance was formally presented to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade at an official ceremony on Murray Parade ground yesterday afternoon.

Accepting the vehicle on behalf of the Brigade, Mr. A. el Arculli, Acting Commissioner, disclosed that Mr. Aw had in addition, agreed to pay the cost of maintaining and running the ambulance—about \$1,500 monthly.

Those present at the ceremony included Dr. Arthur Wood, District Surgeon, Mr. W. La Bari Sparrow, Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. S. J. Coote and Mr. W. D. Turner, both members of the Advisory Committee of St. John's Ambulance, Mr. Tang Shuk-kin, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, District Officer, Mr. Liu Pak-kwan, Divisional Superintendent and O.I.C. Ambulance, Mr. Tang Pak-kan, Patron from Un Long and Mrs. Holme-Brown, Secretary to St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

Before formally handing over the ambulance to the Brigade, Mr. Aw Boon Haw said, in part:—

"It is indeed a great privilege and a pleasure for me to come here to-day and personally present this ambulance to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. It is hardly necessary for me to sing the praises of this great organization which has rendered invaluable services to the community here and throughout the whole world.

Acute Demand

"Before the war the Queen Mary Hospital and the Kowloon Hospital each had a free ambulance service of their own. This service was limited to accident and police cases. The Tung Wah Group of Hospitals had also their ambulances, with charges ranging from \$2.50 to \$4.00 each for Hong Kong cases and \$10 each for cases across the harbour or outside city limits, and extra charges for vehicular ferry.

"Deeply impressed by the great demand for free ambulance service for the poorer classes who could not afford these charges, I consulted the then Commissioner of the Brigade, the late Mr. Alfred

Morris, with a suggestion for initiating such a service under auspices of the Brigade.

"Mr. Morris unhesitatingly took up my offer, and I donated an ambulance to the Brigade and in cooperation with the Brigade we started a Haw-Pai Ambulance Station.

"The demand for a civilian ambulance service is more acute now than before the war, I am told. This ambulance service charges range from \$10. With the high cost of living and limited incomes, the poor classes find great difficulty in paying such charges. I, therefore, decided to resume the pre-war free service, to be run by the Brigade.

Paid By Public

"It is indeed a matter of great gratification to me to present this ambulance to the Brigade. Although I have spent a considerable sum, the money has been contributed by the public here. How? It is money gained as profits from the community, and I am glad to be able to return it to them in this small way. I, therefore, beg of you not to thank me for this gift.

"I sincerely hope that the leaders of the community, and well-wishers, will give their generous support to Brigade in order that it can extend further its welfare activities."

In reply, Mr. Arculli said in part:—

"Mr. Aw Boon Haw for years past has been a good friend and firm supporter of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. He has presented it with hospital in Cheung Chau and a Maternity Home in Shatin with a promise of more similar homes in other parts of the New Territories.

"Recently he bought for the Brigade the magnificent Ambulance which stands before you. Mr. Aw has been kind enough formally to present the Ambulance to the Brigade to-day and, on behalf of the Brigade, I have the honour to thank him not only for his generous gift but also for his further generosity in agreeing to pay the whole cost of maintaining and running it. When I say that such cost is approximately \$1,500 per month, Mr. Aw's generosity will be realised.

Free Service

"This Ambulance, like its sister in Kowloon, provides a free service to the public day and night. From 7.30 to 7.30 p.m. it is manned by a paid staff consisting of a driver, a qualified infirm nurse who is also a trained nurse and two stretcher-bearers. The driver and stretcher-bearers are qualified in first aid. From 7.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. the next morning, it is manned by another paid driver and two volunteer stretcher-bearers who are members of the Brigade and are not paid. These men are trained in first aid.

"It may sometimes happen that the night shift stretcher-bearers may not be able to get off by 7.30 a.m. by reason of a late morning call. In such a case, if they are late in getting back to their offices or other places of employment, I sincerely hope their employers will excuse them. In such an event they will be given letters signed by the Secretary of the Brigade or by me explaining their late attendance.

"In running the Ambulance service, the Brigade seeks to serve the public without discrimination. The duty of the Brigade in every phase of its work is to serve the sick, the injured and the suffering without heed of class or creed or race and in this respect the Brigade follows the precept of the immortal Confucius: 'All within the four seas are brethren.'

Four Years Hard For Stabbing

Found guilty by a jury on a charge of assault with intent to rob, She So was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), to four years' imprisonment with hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

HANGING AT STANLEY

Major Hiroo Yoshio, 45, former chief of the Kowloon Hospital, was hanged yesterday morning at Stanley.

Hiroo was sentenced to death by No. 7 War Crime Court last November for inhumane treatment, by himself and his subordinates, of persons in the custody of the Kowloon Gendarmerie during his term of office.

A verdict of death by judicial hanging was returned at the inquest held by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy in the afternoon.

Personalia

Arrivals at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday included Mrs. N. See and Miss J. Gaze. Departures included J. S. McDowell, R. B. A. Cantopher, J. E. Davis and J. W. Duncan.

Arrivals at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included W. G. Baldwin, Mr. J. and Mrs. T. W. Chu, E. M. Ingle and Mrs. A. W. Hogan. Departures were A. G. Quinlan, Admiral Giles C. Stedman and Capt. and Mrs. C. H. Marshall.

Several promotions have been made by the Central Air Transport Corporation, one of the two leading Chinese civil aviation concerns.

Mr. C. H. Cha has been promoted to Executive Vice-President; Mr. Moon F. Chin to Vice-President, Operations; Mr. H. C. Tang to Vice-President, Traffic; Mr. S. Y. Ho to Operations Manager; Mr. S. C. Tang to Traffic Manager; Mr. Edward Chin to Assistant Operations Manager; and Captain T. M. Hung to the position of Chief Pilot.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. H. Boucher, W. Matthews, N. S. Wotherspoon, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Donald and Miss Joy Allan.

Peninsula departures: Thomas Gloster-Downing, Ernest Bremer, P. A. Clifton, P. J. Tebbitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kirkham, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. S. Creasy, Capt. and Mrs. M. K. Nasholds, Miss E. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kendrick, W. E. Griffin, N. S. McBain and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hoffo.

Passengers by C.P.A. to Manila included C. L. Lastreto, Miss D. M. Verges, J. D. Hardenberg, R. Labarriere, J. K. de Jong, P. N. Lokello, R. Grellsamer, Miss L. Warner, Miss Johnnie Nachess, William Nachess, W. Carbine, W. Yardley and Miss Beatrice Yardley.

"Newsreel" Wong, Chinese ace cameraman, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong from Shanghai by air today. He has been commissioned to "shoot" a production of one of the local Chinese film production studios. "Newsreel" Wong has been attached to several internationally known foreign film production companies. During the Shanghai war he was arrested by the Japanese, but released later through the intervention of the American Consul-General in Shanghai.

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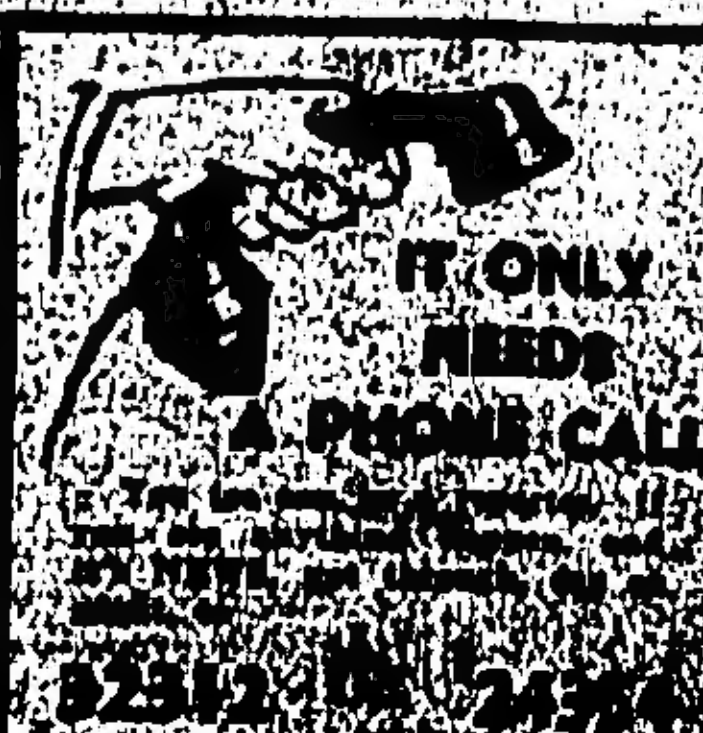


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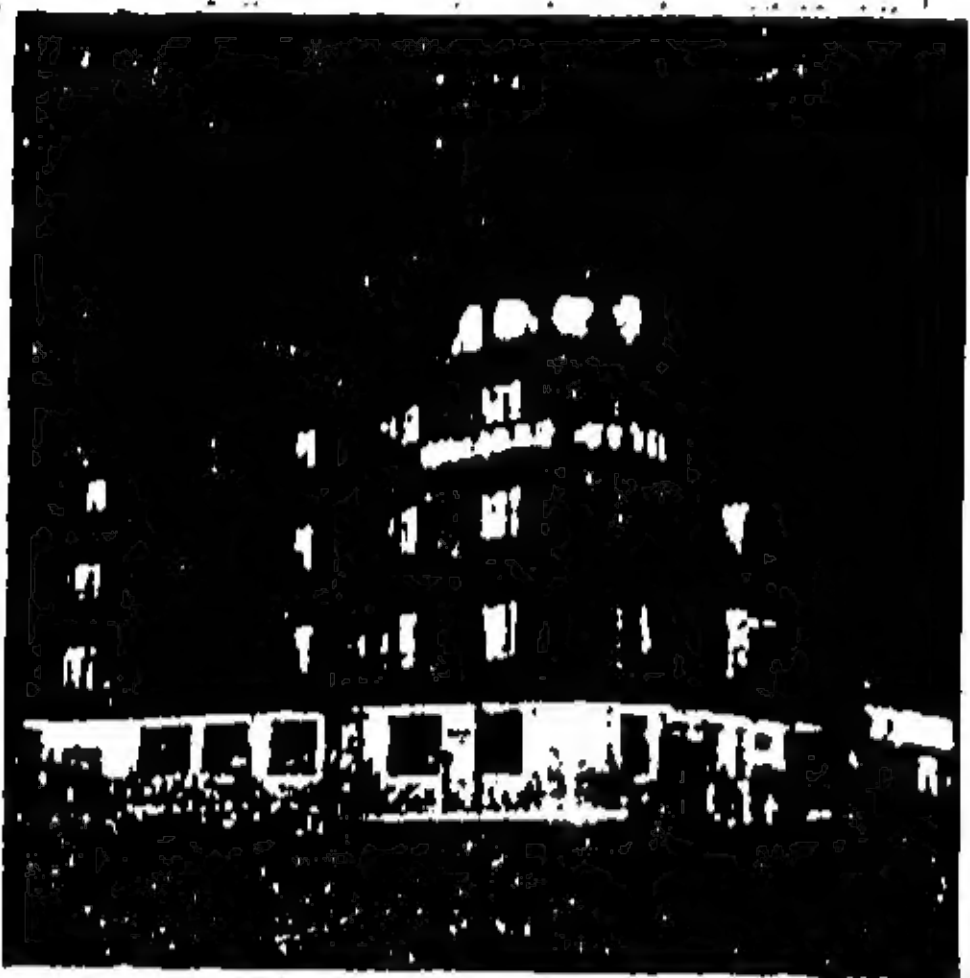
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WARNING BY MAGISTRATE Threat To Close Kowloon Chemist Shop Fourth Offence: Heavy Fine

"If you come back again I shall close your shop," Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, warned Au Hon, of the Tung Ah Drug Co., 247 Shanghai Street, when he found him guilty of selling 30 cc. of Calc-Ostella to STI Inspectors M.M. de V. Soares and Chan Wal on Dec. 18 last at 40 cents over the control price of \$13.50.

Mr. J.I.G. Pitman, of the Price Control Office, pointed out that defendant had been fined on three previous occasions the last of which was in May, 1947 when he was fined \$500.

Defendant pleaded that he sold the product according to the price listed by W.R. Lacey & Co. Ltd. on Aug. 28 last.

"Mistake"
Mr. Pitman stated that the price was changed in September last year and such changes were published weekly in the Government Gazette.

Au, in reply to the Magistrate, said he did not look at the Gazette and relied on the price list. He had apparently made a mistake.

"How can you say that you have made a mistake when this is your fourth offence?" asked Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Much In Demand

Other summonses dealt with were:

Yu Sul-nam, of Shanghai Saito Beauty Parlour, 448 Nathan Rd., fined \$375 for overcharging \$2.25 on a jar of Morgan's pomade. Mr. Pitman said that this pomade "has a great black market value."

For selling a 2 lb. tin of margarine for \$3.50 (\$3.00), Chan Cheung, of Tak Lee Churn, 91 Nun Chang Street, was fined \$325.

A fine of \$225 was imposed on Leung Man, of Sun Wah Store, 552 Shanghai Street, when he admitted having sold a 6-cube tin of Oxo for 70 cents instead of 65 cents. This was defendant's second offence, said Mr. Pitman.

Chan Huen of Kwong Hung

Flour

On, 131 Tung Choi Street, was fined \$275 for overcharging 36 cents on a pound of flour.

For overcharging 10 cents on a tin of "Robin Hood" oats, Yeung Wan-cho (of Tai Tsung, 34 Ng Tsin Long Road) and Sun Kwok-kit (of Kwong Kee, 163 Polho Street) were fined \$100 each.

The same penalty was imposed on Hui Sum of Hui Sum Kee, 51c Street, for overcharging 30 cents on a cake of Lux soap. Cheung Ho of Kin May Co., 88 Nathan Road, was fined \$75 for charging 50 cents for a 4/5 oz. tin of Cobra shoe-polish (35 cts.), and Tam Gut-pang, of Yau Bong 312 Shanghai Street, was fined the same amount for overcharging five cents on a small tin of Nuket shoe-polish.

Leung See-lun, of the Gin Sing Grocery Store, 30, Wooding Street, was fined \$50 for charging 10 cents in excess of the control price on a tin of Oxo cubes sold to STI Inspectors Mely Andrade and Amy Cheung on Jan. 28.

HAWKERS IN COURT

Over 30 hawkers were arraigned before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, charged with hawking in various parts of Central district. Fines ranging from \$10 to \$50 were imposed and in many cases the goods were confiscated.

One hawker, arrested from Saturday for hawking, made into allegations against the police, who further remained till Saturday when Inspector Moly Andrade said the Court that the investigations had been completed.

ZBW'S WOMEN ANNOUNCERS

ZBW is now conducting auditions for full-time women announcers. Among those who have been tested are Aileen Dakker, who has already been heard in the "Brains" Test programme and giving book reviews, and Jill Lapper, who runs a weekly programme on films. Others to be tested include Sue Meyrick, Celia Hodgman and Elizabeth Boyd, daughter of the C-in-C. British Pacific Fleet, and Lady Boyd.

He Pawned Trousers

Hui Hang (28) was in the employ of the Yin Wah Tailor Shop, 272 Reclamation Street, for about two weeks and earned \$14 a day.

On Feb. 21 and 22, Leung To (29-year-old master of the shop) found two pairs of trousers missing. At 11 p.m. on the latter date, Leung reported to the Yau-mat Police that a jacket and six pairs of trousers were missing from his shop.

Inquiries by Detective 37 resulted in defendant being detained, said Inspector J. Orem to Mr. W.H. Lalmer at Kowloon yesterday, and to the finding of five pawn-tickets, relating to five pairs of trousers, on accused.

Defendant admitted the theft of five pairs of trousers which he pawned for a total of \$95 but denied all knowledge of the jacket and the other pair of trousers.

He was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

GROSS INDECENCY CHARGE

The hearing of a gross-indecency charge against Petty Officer Bertram William Knight, of H.M.S. "King Salvor," and Lam Lip will be heard at 3.30 p.m. on March 3. Knight will be held in Naval custody while Lam Lip will be in local custody.

GAMBLING IN DIVAN

Raiding opium divans in Spring Garden Lane, Inspector Moore found a gambling school and arrested the keeper, Li Yau and 14 gamblers.

On their appearance before Mr. J.G. Conklin at Central yesterday, all pleaded guilty; the keeper was fined \$200 and the gamblers each \$20.

GAMING SCHOOL

The Poor Box at the Central Magistracy was \$8.80 better off yesterday when Mr. Conklin ordered table money seized when a gambling school was raided to be put in the Poor Box.

They money was collected when Li Chui and five others were playing "Fan Tan" outside house number 22 at Tung Loi Street.

Li and his companions were each fined \$20 for gambling.

Palestine and Trans-Jordan being now outside the Sterling Area, British Postal Orders should no longer be sent to those countries.

ARMS SEIZURE STORY TOLD AT SESSIONS

A raid by a party of Police, under Det. Insp. D. G. MacPherson on an unnumbered hut at Schooner Street, Wanchai, on Dec. 30, when four revolvers, 25 rounds of ammunition and four hand grenades were seized, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when the trial of Wong Shung, Lo Wa, Lau Yung and Wong Lun commenced before Mr. Justice Gould (Pulse Judge).

All three accused were charged with having used their control, on Dec. 30, four revolvers, 25 rounds of ammunition and four hand grenades.

Mr. A.J. Lonsdale, assisted by Det. Insp. MacPherson, conducted the case for the Crown. In the course of his opening, Mr. Lonsdale said that, acting on information, Det. Insp. MacPherson, together with Det. Sgt. Cheung Wing-kam and a party of Police, went to an unnumbered hut at Schooner Street at about 9.45 p.m. on Dec. 30. Through the cracks of the wooden partition of the hut, Det. Insp. MacPherson saw the four accused sitting on a large bed.

Adjacent to each of the accused was a revolver. There was also a quantity of cleaning material including cleaning cloth. One of the revolvers was in a partly dismantled condition.

Hand Grenades

After the Police had entered the hut, they found a basket, which was locked. The key was found in the possession of fourth accused, who admitted that the basket was his property. Inside the basket was a quantity of clothing and four fully charged and workable hand grenades.

The 25 rounds of ammunition were in the centre of the bed. Two of the four revolvers were found to be in working order. The accused were subsequently taken to the Police Station and charged.

Accused denied that the arms and ammunition belonged to them. They alleged that the were the property of one Chan Cheung, who was in the hut at the time of the Police raid but was not arrested by the Police.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

The Overseas Chinese Association will hold its first Social Evening at the Cosmo Club, Connaught Road, Central, on Saturday at 8 p.m. Inaugurated only two months ago, the Association was specially formed for the benefit of returned students and overseas Chinese.

Reminders

Atlas Sky Merchant plane arrives at Kai Tak, 2 p.m. Cocktail Party, H.K. Hotel, 6.30 p.m. Debating-Discussion Group sponsors talk on "Piracy" by Mr. H.G.W. Woodhead, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m. Sino-British Club Symphony Orchestra, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m. Sonata Recital by Prof. Harry Ore, Northcote Training College, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

Y's Men's Annual General Meeting, Catholic Club, Queen's Road, Central, 7.30 p.m. Private Art Exhibition by Mr. Kam-Shek Kan, St. Francis Hotel, 6 p.m.

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Annual General Meeting, Royal Garden, H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m. St. John's University Alumni Association, Annual Dinner Meeting, Chinese Recreation Club, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Humphrey's Estate & Finance, Co.'s 11th Annual Meeting, H.K. Hotel, 12 noon.

Queen's College Annual Sports, Caroline Hall, starting at 1.30 p.m.

Kowloon Kempei On Trial

At the War Crimes Court yesterday, W. O. Omura Kiyoshi, Sgt. Nishida Masao, S. M. Kawazumi Jun, S. M. Yoshioka Eizo and Sgt. Kawai Hiraio, of the Japanese Army, were charged with committing war crimes between Sept. 1943 and Nov. 15, 1944 while they were members of the Special Branch of the Kowloon District Kempei.

They were charged in connection with the ill-treatment of civilian residents in the New Territories, causing physical suffering and the deaths of a number of Chinese.

The court consisted of Lt. Col. P. Warwick (President), Major D. E. Howse and Capt. J. Benyon. The prosecuting officer was Major Ormsby. Accused were defended by Messrs. Matsuoki and Yoshikiko, assisted by Lt. G. F. Folkoff.

The hearing will be continued this morning.

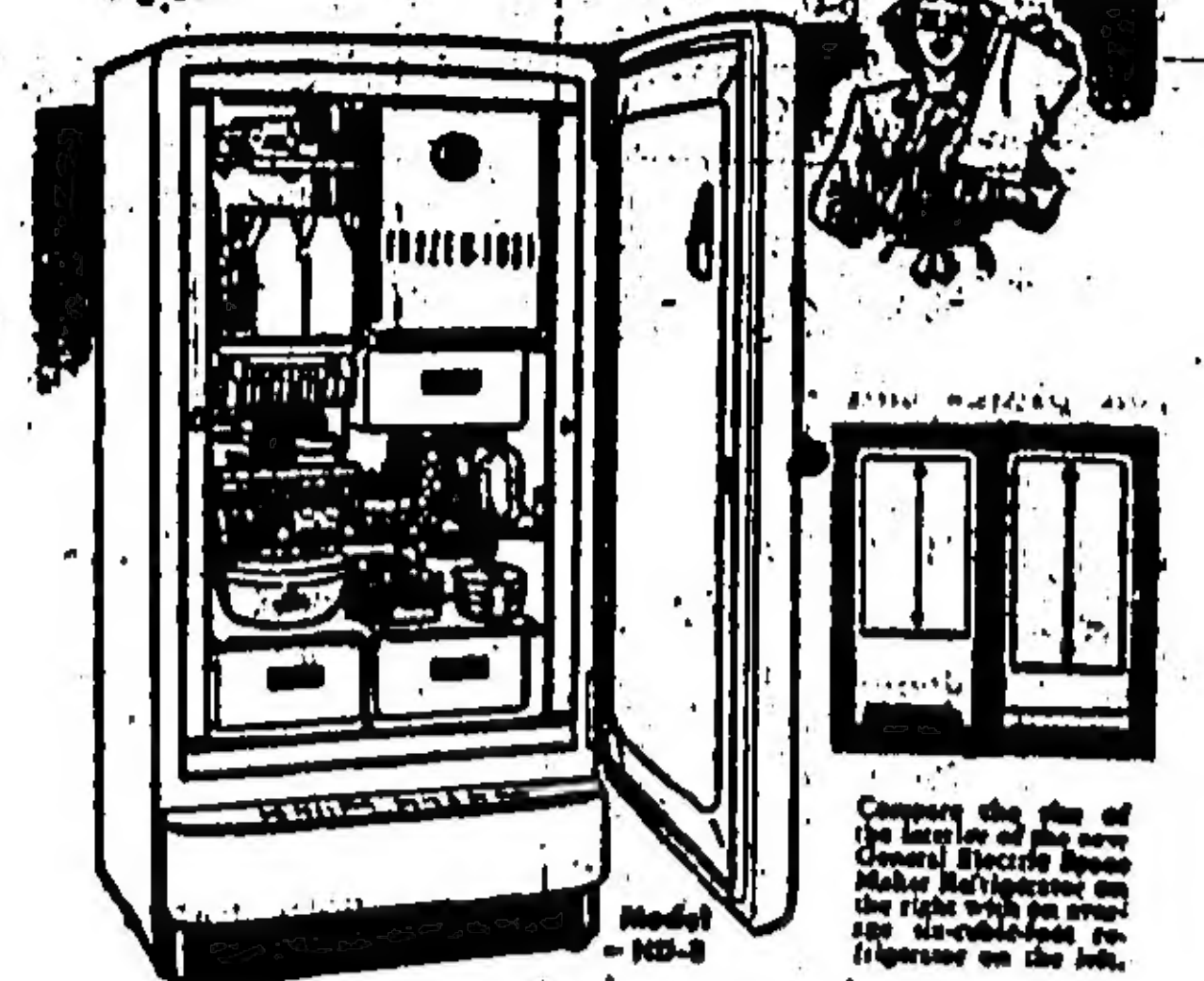
FIGHT OVER A STALL

"I was only defending myself because he hit me first," declared Lai Chui when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of assaulting Lai Wal-chuen in Des Voeux Road West causing him a scalp wound.

Complainant said that he and defendant were salt fish hawkers in Des Voeux Road. An argument arose over why stall they were to occupy. Defendant struck him with a piece of wood and he had to go to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

Mr. Conklin sentenced Lai to one month hard labour with the option of a \$50 fine.

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It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land
and structures thereon by Public Auction will be held at the
Office of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 1st
day of March, 1948 at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at
the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys,
Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	1	Rural Building Lot No. 515	Severn Road, The Peak	As per sale plan (Area shaded red)	68,480 \$1,294	\$75,000

Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall
according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a
sum of \$16,000.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified
by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member
of the Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENNIF, F.R.S.E.
Director of Public Works.

Date: 20th February, 1948.

SALE OF STEEL SCRAP MISCELLANEOUS

Tenders are invited for the
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Tender Forms can only be
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tion to Section IIC of the
Naval Store Department, H.M.
Dockyard, Hong Kong, between
9.30—11.30 A.M. and 2.00—4.00
P.M. from 23rd to 25th Febru-
ary, 1948. The Scrap can be
viewed on application to the
office of the Inspector of Stores
1 (Mr. E. Jones), H.M. Dock-
yard, Hong Kong, on the days
specified on production of the
Tender Form.

Completed Tender Forms
should be returned by hand in
a sealed cover addressed to the
Suptdg. Naval Store Officer,
H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, on
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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly
General Meeting of the Share-
holders of the Corporation will
be held at the Head Office of
the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road
Central, Hongkong, on Friday
the 5th day of March, 1948, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving and considering the
reports of the Directors and of
the Auditors and the Profit and
Loss Account and Balance
Sheet for the year ended 31st
December, 1947, and for the
election of Directors and the
appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Share-
holders of the Corporation will be closed
from Friday, the 20th February
to Friday the 5th March, 1948
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1948.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fifty-fifth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Office of the
Company, Exchange Building,
Des Voeux Road Central, Victo-
ria, Hong Kong, on Wednes-
day, 24th March, 1948, at
NOON for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Board
of Directors together with the
Statement of Accounts for the
Year ended 31st December, 1947,
and to elect Directors and ap-
point Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Wednesday, the 10th March,
1948, to Wednesday, the 24th
March, 1948, both days inclu-
sive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
R. TAYLOR,
Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1948.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name

We, Cambay Prince Steam-
ship Company Limited of No. 7
Queen's Road Central, Hong
Kong, hereby give notice that
in consequence of change of
ownership of the vessel, we
have applied to the Minister of
Transport, under Section 47 of
the Merchant Shipping Act,
1894, in respect of the British
ship "Combar" of Hong Kong
Registry Official No. 181,537
Gross tonnage 593.91 tons,
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formerly owned by Tiong Ann
Steamship Company Limited of
No. 22 Amyot Street, Singapore,
for permission to change her
name to "San David" and to
have her registered in the new
name at the Port of Hong Kong.
As owned by the Cambay Prince
Steamship Company Limited,
Hong Kong.

Any objection to the proposed
change of name must be sent
to the Register of Shipping at
Hong Kong within Seven days
from the appearance of this
advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong the 25th
day of February, 1948.

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W. J. HANSEN,
Director.

NOTICE ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB

The Annual General Meeting
of the Royal Hong Kong Golf
Club will be held in the East
Garden of the Royal Hotel on
Thursday, 26th February, 1948
at 5.30 p.m.

By Order of the Committee
R. S. BARRY,
Secretary.

NOTICE BURMA INDEPENDENCE

The attention of the Public is
invited to New Passport Re-
gulations which came into force
on the 4th January, 1948,
following the grant of indepen-
dence to Burma.

As from the 4th January,
1948, all British Burmese Pas-
ports become invalid, unless—
(a) The holder can produce
evidence that he or his
father or his paternal
grandfather is Burmese.

In such cases the passport
may be endorsed to the effect
that its validity is exceptionally
extended for a period not
exceeding three months.

As from the 4th January,
1948, British Passports endorsed
"all countries in the British
Empire" or "British Empire"
cease to cover Burma. The
endorsement "Burma" or "all
countries in the Far East out-
side the British Empire" will be
used instead.

As from the 4th January,
1948, British Subjects and
British protected personnel
travelling to Burma, require
Burmese visas. As a transitional
measure, the Burmese Govern-
ment has agreed to admitting,
without visas, until the 4th
July, 1948, holders of such
passports issued in the United
Kingdom or its Dependencies,
or by a United Kingdom
Consul, bearing the "British
Empire" endorsement, provided
the passports show the holders
are ordinarily resident in the
United Kingdom.

IMMIGRATION OFFICER.

26th January, 1948.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB LEAP YEAR DANCE

The Kowloon Cricket Club is
staging a special Leap Year
Dance on Saturday, February
28, with dancing from 9 p.m.
until 2 a.m.

The popular Quah and His
Band have been engaged, and
novelty dances arranged.

Admission will be \$5 per
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Tables for parties can now be
booked at the clubhouse.

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NOTICE THE HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circum-
stances the meeting is postponed
to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at
5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A.
Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda:—To receive reports
and accounts for the past year.

To review and, if
thought fit, re-
vise the constitu-
tion and policy
of the Association.

To elect officers.
T. F. WU,
Hon. Secretary.

Hotel Room Raided

In a raid on room 541 Nathan
Hotel at 10 p.m. on Feb. 23, a
party of detectives from Kow-
loon Headquarters, under DSI
C. Pope, arrested 17 persons
who were having a game of
"pai kau," and seized \$34 table-
money.

Wong Sui, 34, butcher of 126
Reclamation Street, first floor,
pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H.
Latimer at Kowloon yesterday
to keeping a common gaming
house and was fined \$150.

Six of the alleged gamblers
failed to answer to their names
and had their bail of \$25 each
estimated. The other 10 were
fined \$20 each, and the \$34 or-
dered to be confiscated to the
Poor Box.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

NOTICE TO EXPORTERS COCONUT OIL

With effect from 1st March,
1948, Coconut Oil will be
added to the commodities on
the "restricted list" and export
licences will only be given
provided the exporter agrees to
surrender the full foreign
exchange proceeds of the sale
to an authorized bank.

Exporters who have already
entered into contracts for the
sale of Coconut Oil abroad on
the understanding that a certain
percentage of the foreign
exchange proceeds would be
free should submit details to
the Exchange Control Office for
consideration at an early date.

C. G. S. FOLLOWS,
Financial Secretary.

24th February, 1948.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED MONTHLY TICKETS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Tickets can be renewed at
the Traffic Office, Canal Road
East, on the 24th and 25th
February and 2nd March and
at Queen's Building (ground
floor), Connaught Road En-
trance, (near Star Ferry) on
the 26th, 27th and 28th February
and 1st March.

New Tickets (for passengers
not holding a ticket for the cur-
rent month) can only be ob-
tained at the Traffic Office,
Canal Road East, on and after
the 28th February.

V. WALKER
Acting General Manager

NOTICE Waterworks Office

The public is hereby notified
that the Waterworks Head
Office is being moved from the
first floor, St. George's Building,
Chater Road, to the top floor of
the same building.

The office will therefore be
closed for public business on
Saturday, February 28th, 1948,
and will be reopened in the new
premises on Monday, 1st March.

The Waterworks Complaints
Office at Bullock Lane (Tel:
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W. WOODWARD,
For Water Authority.

25th February, 1948.



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Russian Protest Rejected Three-Power Talks On Germany

London, Feb. 23. Three protests from Slav countries and the third rejection of a protest from Russia marked the opening in London today of a conference between Britain, France and the United States on Germany's economic future.

The main decision of the conference was to invite the Benelux countries—Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—to join in discussing the items of the agenda that are of direct interest to them.

The third rejection of Russia's recent note objecting that the conference violates the agreements with her, came from Britain, France and the United States had already rejected this.

In a note handed to the Soviet Ambassador in London tonight, the British Government said it "cannot accept the validity of the Soviet Government's contention that the convocation of the conference in London is a violation of the agreement regarding the control machinery in Germany or of the Potsdam Agreement."

Expressing surprise that the Soviet Government "should have seen fit to protest against this attempt by the other occupying powers to solve the urgent problems facing them in the areas of Germany for which responsibility was assigned to them by reason of the occupation of Germany," the note added: "The British Government are determined to take all practicable steps to alleviate conditions in order that the peaceful recovery of Germany and Europe may not be prejudiced."

Heavy Burden
The note referred to "the opposition which the Soviet Government have continually shown to the working out of a genuine economic unity" for Germany which, it said, had imposed a "heavy burden" on Russia's allies.

Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia, in notes delivered both to Britain and to the United States today, protested that the conference was "an attempt to settle the German question in a manner contrary to the most vital interests of the European nations."

"This attempt would transform Germany into a hotbed of chaos, giving rise to new aggression and menacing the peaceful development of Europe," they said. They demanded "the complete implementation" of the Potsdam

Agreement on the Council of Foreign Ministers "which must consult with the governments of the other Allied countries when discussing questions of immediate interest" to them.

Official quarters in London tonight refused to disclose the precise terms of the conference invitation to the Benelux countries, which was unanimously agreed upon, but it is already clear that they have not been invited to become full members of the conference.

M. Molotov may be instructed to change his present policy on Germany if the tripartite conference produces a firm line, according to reports received from Paris diplomatic quarters.

Hesitating
These reports confirm the impression which has prevailed here recently that Russia's policy in Germany is hesitant, and that the Russians are very anxious to get the four Foreign Ministers conferences going again.

One reason given in well-informed quarters in Paris for this Russian desire is that the Kremlin wants to retain its right to a say in what happens in West Germany.

Diplomatic reports from the Allied Control quarters in Berlin indicate that "firmness and success" among the three Western powers are the key to getting Russia to co-operate again on a four-power basis.

This view is reliably ascribed to Mr. Robert Murphy, political

Frankfurt, Feb. 23. A call for a new political order in Germany "unhindered by zonal frontiers," with Germans acting on their own responsibility, was made today by two German provincial Premiers at the opening of Bizonia's new "Council of State."

The white-bearded Dr. Hermann Luedemann, Socialist Premier of the north province of Schleswig-Holstein, opening this Federal Upper Chamber of the bi-zonal legislature, set up under the Frankfurt agreement, said:

"We appeal to all parts of Germany, who believe in German unity, to join us, as soon as they are free to do so, and we appeal to all occupying powers to support that endeavour."

Representatives of the Allied bi-partite Control Office and of the German bi-zonal administration were present at today's ceremony.

Dr. Luedemann, opening the proceedings as the eldest Premier of the eight states represented, said: "The new bi-zonal institutions, being confined to purely economic tasks, do not constitute a west German state. Nothing in our attitude, or in that of the British and American authorities, prevents

London, Feb. 23. Guards on all Government buildings in London were "alerted" tonight after a threat to blow up a building which housed a department of the Colonial Office.

After an anonymous caller, speaking with a foreign accent, had telephoned warning the staff to evacuate within three minutes, a box, containing two large dry-cell batteries attached by wires to a glass jar containing fluid, was found behind a door in the main entrance hall of the building, which is opposite the Houses of Parliament.

The box, measuring 18 inches, had a Jewish mark on it. The jar, thought to contain explosives, is being examined by experts.

adviser to the American Military Governor of Germany, General Lucius D. Clay.—Reuter.

Invitation
London, Feb. 24. Britain tonight invited the Benelux countries, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg, to the three-power conference on Germany which opened here today for discussion of the items on the agenda which are of direct interest to them.

The invitation was unanimously decided on this evening at the first session of the three-power London conference on Germany, attended by Sir William Strang (Britain), Mr. Rene Massigli (France) and the American Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Lewis Douglas, for the United States.

Official quarters in London tonight refused to disclose the precise terms of the invitation. Consequently it is not clear whether it is the three-power conference or the Benelux powers who will decide which items on the agenda they wish to discuss.—Reuter.

Only Way To Secure Peace

NANKING, FEB. 24. MR. SHAO LI-TZE, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL COUNCIL AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, DECLARED LAST NIGHT THAT NEGOTIATED PEACE IN CHINA WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS OF MEDIATION BY BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

Mr. Shao, who played a prominent part in the abortive Nationalist-Communist negotiations during Mr. George Marshall's sojourn in China as mediator, said that unless Soviet and American co-operation is effected, there can be no peaceful settlement of the Communist problem in this country.

He felt certain that this move would be acceptable to the Chinese Government, besides showing the rest of the world that both Russia and America sincerely sought peace in China.—Reuter-AAP.

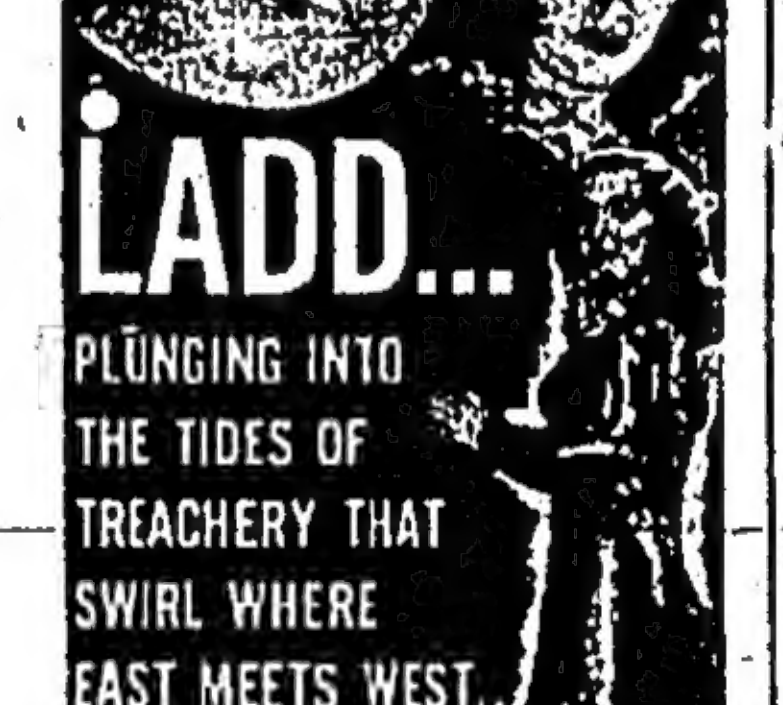
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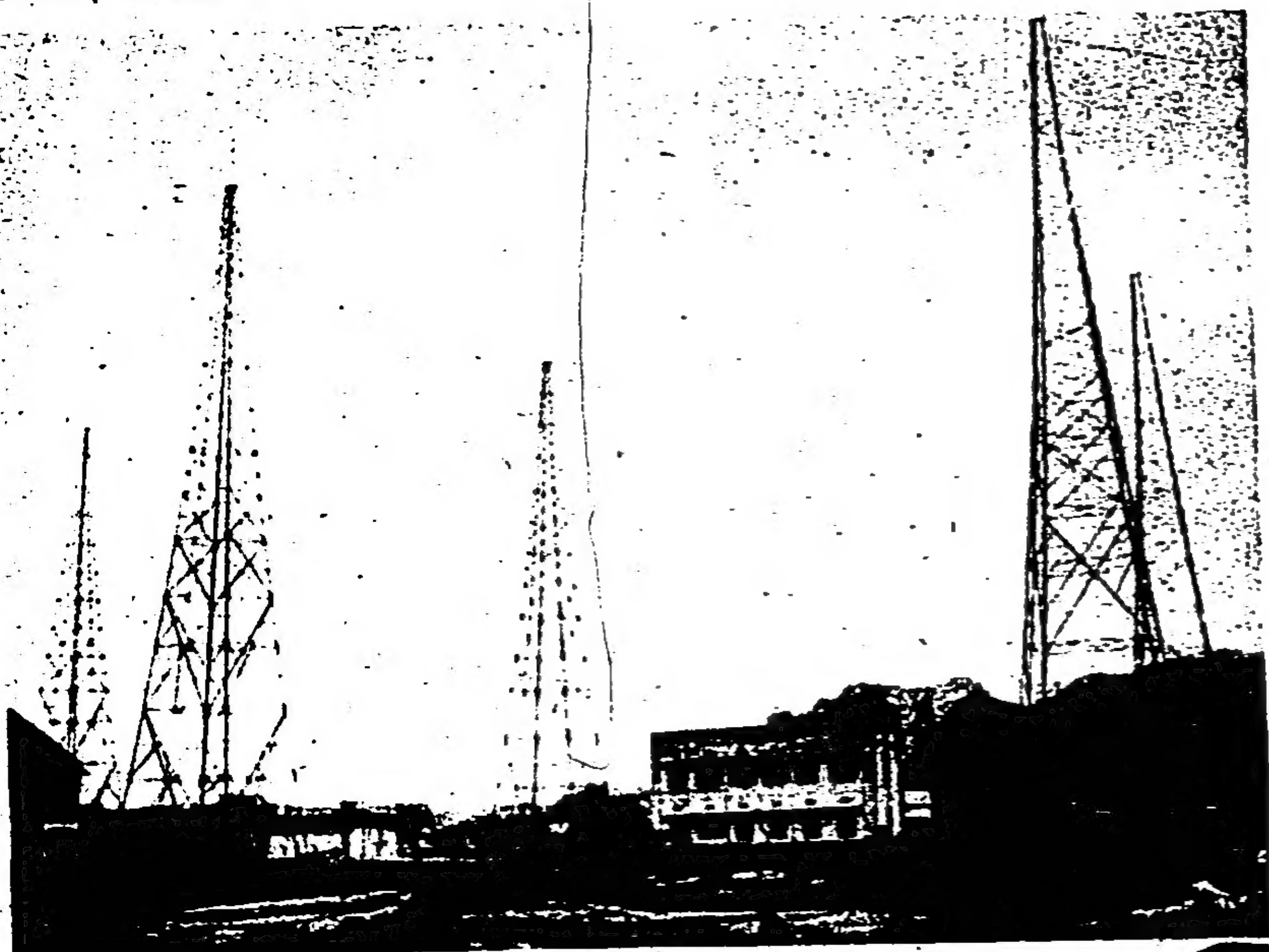
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Critics of ZBW, as well as those who know little more about broadcasting in Hong Kong than to find the Colony's radio station on the medium or short-wave radio bands of their receivers, will be interested in this series of photographs taken from the other end of their loudspeakers, as it were. From these pictures, they may get some idea of how the station operates and of the large and varied crowd of people who are responsible for putting Hong Kong "On the Air."

Basically, a ZBW programme starts as an idea, or theme, in the minds of the programme selectors. This will probably involve a search to see if the appropriate records are available, for the record library, though extensive, is not an unlimited one. Having chosen the records and arranged them in appropriate order, the programme staff then have to time the programme, allowing so much for the records themselves and so much for the announcer's remarks.

If it is a special programme—such as the Sunday "Proms"—someone has to write a script for the announcer and this may call for some hours of research. The programme has to be fitted into the daily schedules, which are generally drawn up a week in advance. Meanwhile, the technical staff have been busy seeing that the transmitters, etc. are all in order.

At last all is ready. The announcer, script in hand, seats himself before the microphone, the control-room staff stand by the "mixing" panel and the record turntables, a red light flashes and "This is ZBW, Hong Kong, calling!" Hong Kong is on the air.



THE CONTROL ROOM staff listen to the announcer and when he finishes speaking, gently edge a needle onto a revolving turntable and another programme of music starts. The operator's left hand holds a knob on the control panel, fading out the announcer and switching over to the record that is to be played.



LOCAL RECORDINGS are still in their infancy so far as Hong Kong broadcasting is concerned, but the recording staff (seen here) are keen and several good recorded features—notably the arrival of His Excellency the Governor—are to their credit.



Merle Oberon caught by the cameraman at her Malibu beach home. In the garden are several rare cacti, one of which, the giant Saguaro, stands to the right of Miss Oberon.

Dramatic, brunette beauty, Margaret Lockwood (photo on left) as she appears in "The White Unicorn." The hat is wide and romantic and leaves her features unshadowed.



Greta Gyné, new star in the Rank Organisation, on her arrival at Northolt from Norway to make a personal appearance at the Royal Command performance of her film, "Take My Life."



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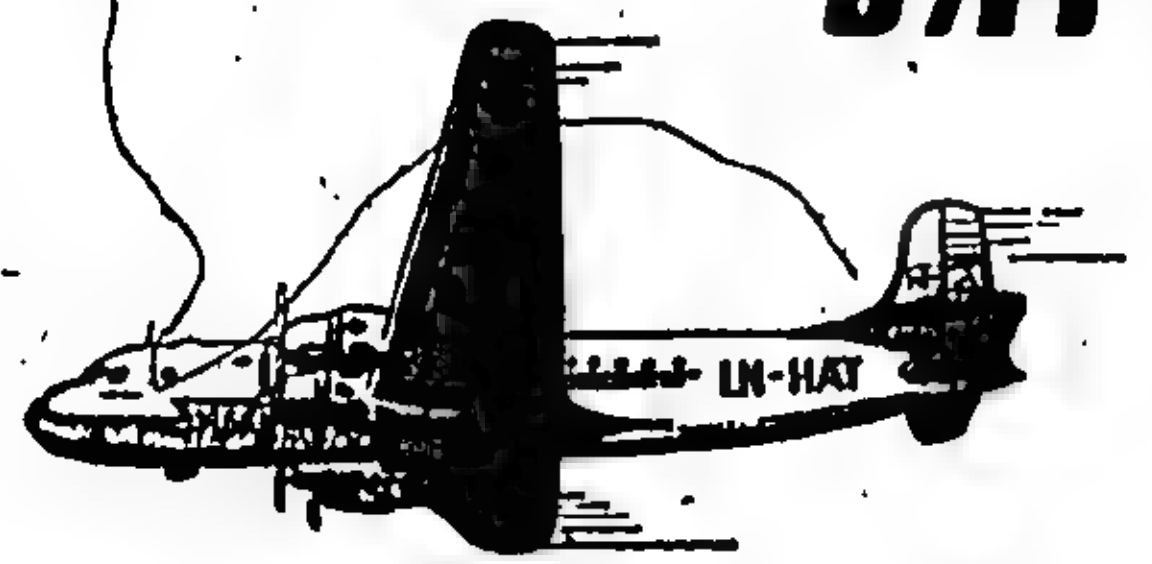
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CHALLENGE TO AUTHORITY Jewish Agency Demands Withdrawal Of British Troops In Jerusalem

Zionists Challenged To Supply Evidence

LONDON, FEB. 23. THE ZIONIST AUTHORITIES IN PALESTINE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED TO SUPPLY EVIDENCE TO BACK THE "UNBELIEVABLE" CHARGE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH SECURITY FORCES WERE INVOLVED IN THE BLASTING OF BEN YEHUDA STREET IN JERUSALEM.

Mr. David Rees-Williams, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, told the House of Commons today: "The responsibility has not been established but the authorities have found nothing to confirm the allegation, understood to have been broadcast in Palestine, that members of the British security forces were involved."

Mr. Rees-Williams said 27 people were killed in the explosion. Thirty-two were seriously injured and 48 slightly injured.

Mr. Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Opposition, said the Opposition shared the conviction that British personnel were in no way connected with this "dastardly crime."

Mr. Rees-Williams promised to give further information when available, "in any case within this present week."

He added there was at present no question of an inquiry.—Reuter.

Wallace Supports Partition

New York, Feb. 23. Mr. Henry Wallace today urged American support of a United Nations army to support the partition of Palestine. He also said that further aid should be denied the British Government, which he alleged, were arming the Arabs while receiving American funds.

"Only American leadership could solve the Palestine crisis," Mr. Wallace said.

"United States leadership means that the United States, together with Russia, can win an overwhelming majority of the Security Council to the use of an international force to implement partition."

He called for the lifting of the American embargo on arms "which keeps the Jewish people in Palestine helpless in the face of a possible massacre."—Reuter.

Jerusalem, Feb. 23.

Four British vehicles were blown up by Jewish road mines in Jerusalem today in what was considered the beginning of a new terrorist campaign against the British military and police.

The Jewish Agency demands that all British forces withdraw from the Jewish quarter of the city and the mining of the streets against British vehicles was regarded as a challenge to Britain's authority.

Subsequent terrorist threats to kill all British soldiers and police found inside the area led competent observers to predict a showdown shortly between the two forces.

The British security forces, under instructions not to shoot until shot at, are fast losing patience.

After a night of tension, digging was still going on today in the ruins of Ben Yehuda Street, Jerusalem's main Jewish shopping centre, blasted by yesterday's dawn explosion which shattered hotels, shops and blocks of flats.

Six more dead were dug out of the rubble today and Jewish reports reported a total death toll of over 60. Official police figures had earlier put the casualties at 33.

Demand Rejected
Although rescue squads were still standing by today, it was doubtful whether anyone was left alive.

A 54-year-old Scot of Perth was stated to be missing, feared dead, in the explosion.

Hundreds of Jewish civil guards and men of the Hagannah, the Jewish defence force, formed human chains to clear the fallen masonry and twisted girders in their search for possible survivors.

There were more British casualties in Jerusalem today following the call of Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Jewish terrorist organisation, who blamed the British for the explosion.

The Palestine Government today flatly rejected the demand by the Jewish Agency that British forces should be withdrawn from all Jewish areas of Jerusalem and that Army and police vehicles should submit to search by Jews on roadblocks around the Jewish quarters.

Representatives of the Jewish Agency were told by Mr. Fox-Strangways, Political Under-Secretary in the Palestine Government, that the British authorities would not "withdraw troops and police, nor permit Jewish vehicles to be searched by the Jews."

Irgun Warning
He said the Government was prepared to accept in writing any security requests made by the Jewish Agency but the Government was not prepared to surrender the responsibility for law and order.

Jews exploded a road mine under a British armoured car in the streets of Jerusalem's Jewish quarter tonight after the quarter had been planted with a number of electric mines to be used against any British vehicle entering the area.

No British casualties were caused, it was believed, but one Jew was injured when the blast tore down part of a nearby house.

A British military vehicle was blown up by a mine today outside a Syrian orphanage, and a British Army officer and two soldiers injured.

The mounting tension between the British and the Jews in the city was discussed in Jerusalem today by Mr. David Ben Gurion, the Chairman, and the Jewish Agency's Executive, and Jewish sources said tonight that the Executive supported resistance to the British entering the Jewish areas.

Irgun Zvai Leumi warned Hagannah, the Jewish military organisation, tonight that any attempt to arrest armed Irgun members would lead "to most bitter reaction."—Reuter.

Reprisal Bombing, Says Arab

Jerusalem, Feb. 23.

Abdul Kader Hussein, the veteran Arab guerrilla leader, tonight claimed responsibility for yesterday's Ben Yehuda Street explosion, which, he said, was a reprisal for the past week's Jewish "basket bomb" explosion in Ramleh, west of Jerusalem.

Six Arabs were killed and 32 injured, 16 seriously, in the explosion in the Ramleh market place.

Abdul Kader Hussein, now commander of the Arab fighting forces in Jerusalem, said tonight that any further Jewish outrages would be met with "more and more reprisals."

He made this statement in a communique issued to the Arab press.

Hagannah, the Jewish defence organisation, in a radio broadcast in Arabic tonight, accused the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Hussein, of ordering Abdul Kader Hussein by cable from Egypt to admit the responsibility for the blasting in Ben Yehuda Street "for his own and his followers."—Reuter.

More Rumours Of How Imam Met Death

Baghdad, Feb. 23.

The mystery of the 85-year-old Imam of Yemen deepened tonight with a report here that he was strangled in his bed last month by members of a "liberation movement" headed by one of his sons who had fled to Aden last year.

The Arab League in Cairo said it had received news the king died on Feb. 17 at his capital. The next day it was reported he had been assassinated. A month earlier, reports that he had died were denied.

Reports here tonight indicated there was heavy fighting in the Yemen between factions led by two brothers, both sons of the late Imam.

One of them was said to be the Crown Prince, at present reported to be in control of most of the country.

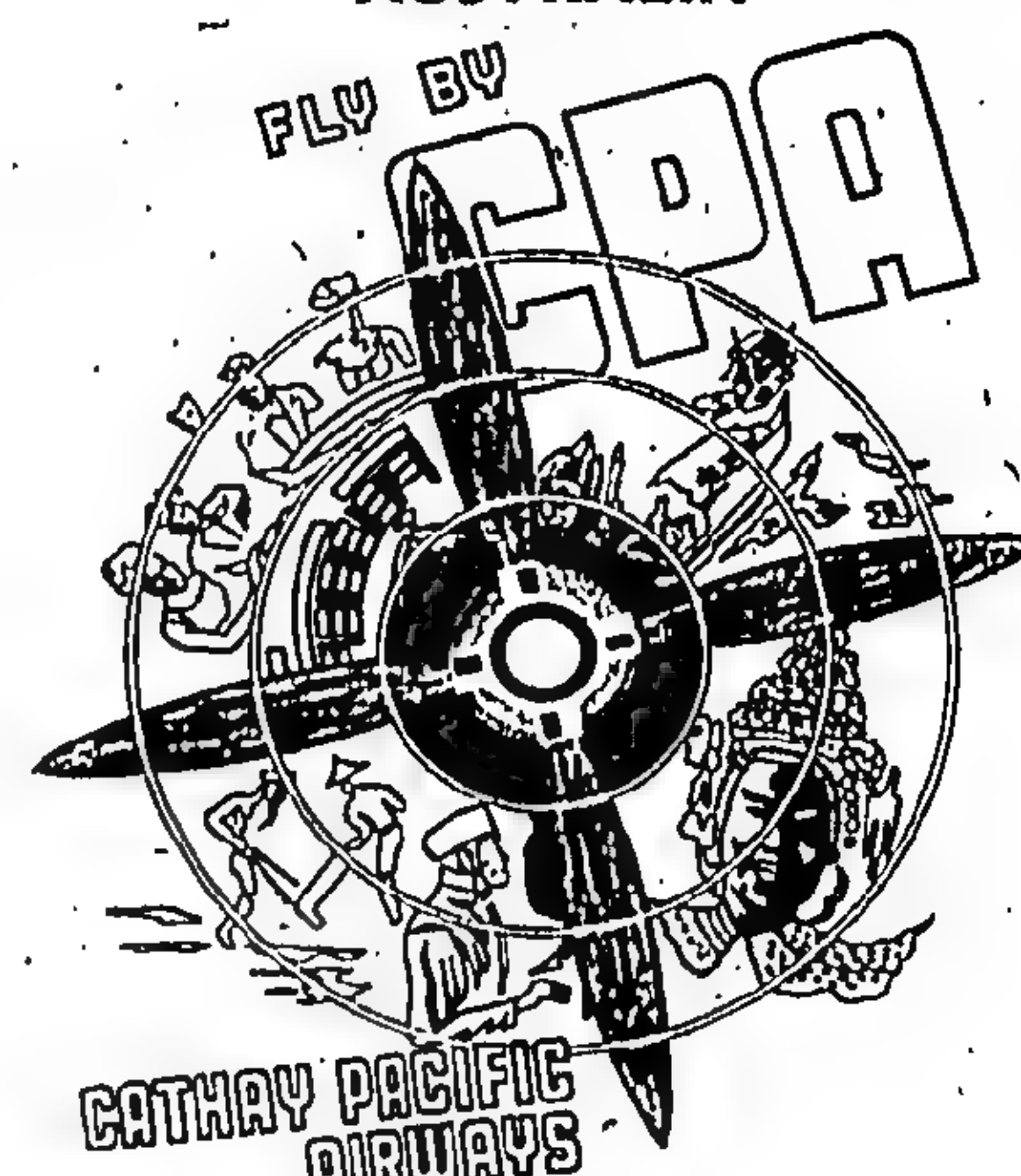
General Ismail Safwat Pasha, recently appointed "leader of the Arab forces preparing to fight in Palestine", is said to have left Cairo tonight for the front.—Reuter.

Yemen to investigate the situation there for the Arab League. Ten days national mourning for the Imam was ordered today throughout Iraq.

Cairo reports last week said a new constitutional government had been established at Sanaa, headed by the Imam Sayed Abdullah Ibn Ahmad El Wazir. He was said to have been elected "according to the sacred National Charter accepted by the whole nation before the death of King Yahya."

The Cairo report added that the Imam's son, Seif El Hnk Ibrahim, who fled to Aden in December, 1948, had been elected President of the Yemen Parliament.

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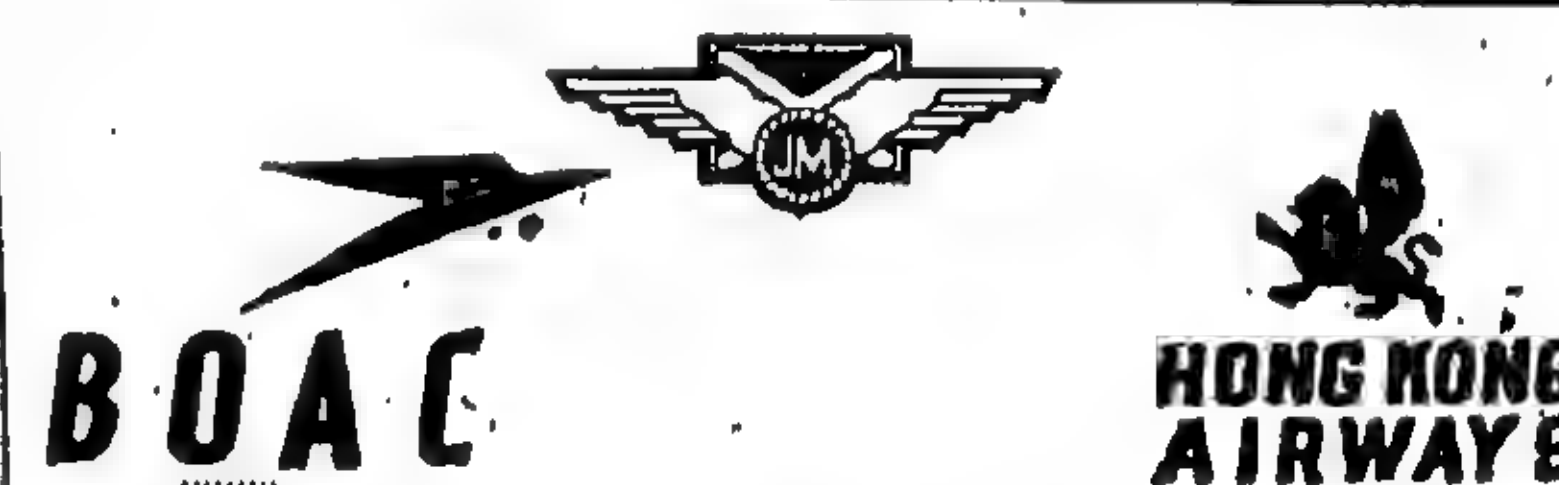
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SPOTLIGHT On The Well-Dressed Men Of Other Lands

They Prefer To Let Britain Dress Them

Ralph Hewins.

Coming from coupon starved Britain, the visitor at first will have the impression that the tall, fair Swedes are a lot of dandies and tailor's dummies.

They might claim to be the best dressed men in Europe.

Shoulders are heavily padded and waists are waspish. The "teddy bear" coat is almost obligatory for the man-about-town. In the evenings button-holes ranging from white and pink to scarlet, crimson and heliotrope carnations blossom to right and left.

Yet, if he makes inquiries, the visitor usually finds that the well-dressed Swede's outfit comes from Britain. What is more, the cutters here are often London-trained.

A first-class suit here costs £30, but there are still many Swedes ready to pay this for English cloth. Witness the rolls of cloth marked "just from England" in the Swedish shops.

One thing more. You are not well dressed here unless you let the barber wave and tint your hair and manicure your nails.

Wife Comes First

Kenneth Thorburn.

The dapper little Frenchman, with his immaculate striped trousers, black coat, winged collar, bowler hat and tightly furled umbrella, is a figure of the past.

Charlie Chaplin's portrayal of the Frenchman in his latest film, "Monsieur Verdoux" is, sartorially at least, causing Frenchmen to glance wryly at each other, for your average Frenchman has to take second place to his wife when it comes to dress.

A general tendency to wear brighter clothes is evident. Scotch tweed jackets with grey flannel trousers are popular even during business hours. Double-breasted suits of cheviot tweed, preferably in blue or grey tones, are favourites among the 30-40-year-old set.

Shirts for the well-dressed are hand-tailored in poplin or silk, cut on British lines, with cuffs and detachable collars, and cost anything from £5 to £15. French ready-made shirts are usually badly-cut and ill-fitting. French movie actor Andre Luguet, considered one of the best dressed men in the country, says he believes in matching ties and socks with the shirt.

Land Of Silk

Cedric Satter. Home. Tight-waisted, dark blue, fur-collared overcoats, achieving a slightly 1910 actor-manager effect, go with the new Lancia car and the £100 a month flat overlooking the Borghese Park, if you are elegant in Italy.

At least one large diamond worn on the fourth finger always vouches for financial soundness with more enthusiasm than can be relied upon from one's bank manager.

This is the land of silk and poplin, both of which are actually cheaper per yard than wool and, of course, as in all countries that didn't win the war, plentiful and unrationed.

Prices are semi-inflationary as the Government printing presses continue to pump out more and more billions of paper lire. A pair of good, ready-made, antelope shoes, with crepe rubber soles, cost between £7 and £10.

A suit of poplin pyjamas £3 10s. Silk ties at 7s 6d are one of the cheaper items, but a lounge suit, made of cloth from Milan, averages around £15. Harris tweed for the horsey aristocracy, who alone profess to admire things British, can run to £25 a suit.

It Costs A Fortune

John Drummond.

No New Yorker can hope to aspire to the immaculate ranks of the fashion plate male with

an income less than £5,000 a year, or twice that much if married!

From the tip of the 26s. rubbers which protect his £10 hand, made shoes to the crown of his imported London hat one complete change leaves him with a handful of nickels from £120.

The most popular socks are tartan or heather mixtures from Scotland at 30s. a pair. In tailored lounge suits the hearty tweeds from the Isles or the border country are greatly favoured—adding that husky outdoor look to the night club tux. The price is enough to blanch the rosiest cheek. £50 a time!

Americans pay more for the gaudy hand-painted neckties than they do for their shirts. And made to measure shirts cost anything from £4 upwards. Overcoats at £30, gloves £4, underwear £3 and hats from £5 run away with the remainder. Trouser buttons are obsolete. Zippers and waist gripping elastic take their places.

Padded Shoulders

Cecil Clark.

It is difficult to say who is the best dressed man in Mexico City.

Is he the smartly turned out business man in his suit of English cloth, his shirt of Eng-

To be a well-dressed male in other lands depends on two things—cash and your wife, for men in most countries, as in Britain, must take second place! But there are exceptions, as you will learn from cables from various Correspondents.

lish poplin, his striped tie, the colours of a famous British regiment, his New York hat and his American shoes?

Or is he the type we see every Sunday morning riding a magnificent horse in the Paseo de la Reforma, wearing his Mexican "charro" uniform—a small black Eton coat covered in gold braid back and front, tight-fitting trousers with their braid of gold lace down each leg, colossal spurs and huge black sombrero with its fortune in gold coins round the brim?

Personally I feel that the "charro" is the best dressed man in town. But his appearance would create a stir in any street in Britain.

The ordinary man here is very like any other well-dressed man, whether in London, New York, or Newcastle. Though it is considered patriotic to buy Mexican-made goods, it is the last thing that he would think of doing—his clothes must be "importados," preferably from Great Britain.

He does rather lean towards heavily-padded shoulders, which give the impression that he has forgotten to remove the coat-hanger before dressing.



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IS MY SKIN NORMAL?

By Max Factor, Jr.

With a regularity and frequency almost beyond measure, women ask me, "Is my skin normal?"

None of these women are worrying about their complexion presenting any frankishness of appearance, or anything of that sort. All they want to know is whether their skin is too dry, too oily, or whether it offers a normal, average, and correct amount of the natural skin oil which should be present.

Unless the complexion of the questioning person happens to be so extraordinarily dry or so very oily that either of these facts is obvious at a glance, it is very difficult to surely classify a complexion. It is just as nearly impossible to define a "normal" complexion as it is to specify how an "average woman" or a "perfect beauty" should look.

Look For These Points

There are many different points which must enter into the classification of a complexion. Such elements as climate, diet, exercise, and racial characteristics must all be considered.

It must be allowed, for instance, that the normal skin of the women of the Latin races is on the average slightly oilier than those of women of the non-Latin races.

Oil-abundant diets tend to



Claudette Colbert has one of the loveliest complexions in Hollywood.

produce over-oily skins for women of any nationality. Hot, dry, climates usually result in extra-dry skins. Women who steadily go in for outdoor athletic sports

generally have drier skins than their non-athletic sisters. The drying action of the sun on the skin, plus thorough scrubbing which is needed to remove perspiration and grime after athletic endeavour, combine to somewhat drain the skin of its natural oils.

Think This Over

All of which is prelude to the most important observation of all, and that is what all women should recognize that changing conditions in any of the fields just mentioned often means, to all practical purposes, a change in the individual type of complexion.

For instance, if the woman who for several years has done no great amount of physical work or exercise suddenly goes in for such activity on a steady basis, she may find her "normal" skin has become a more than usually oily one. Or, if her skin was originally "dry," it might become "normal."

Physicist activity does often stimulate the flow of natural skin oil.

No Harm

No harm comes from any of these complexion changes if the woman upon whom they become apparent recognizes their presence and allows for them in her skin cleansing, skin lubricating, and general make-up practices. But, particularly in the case of the person whose skin becomes oilier without her recognizing and allowing for this fact, serious trouble can result if appropriate skin conditioning changes aren't made to meet the new complexion condition.



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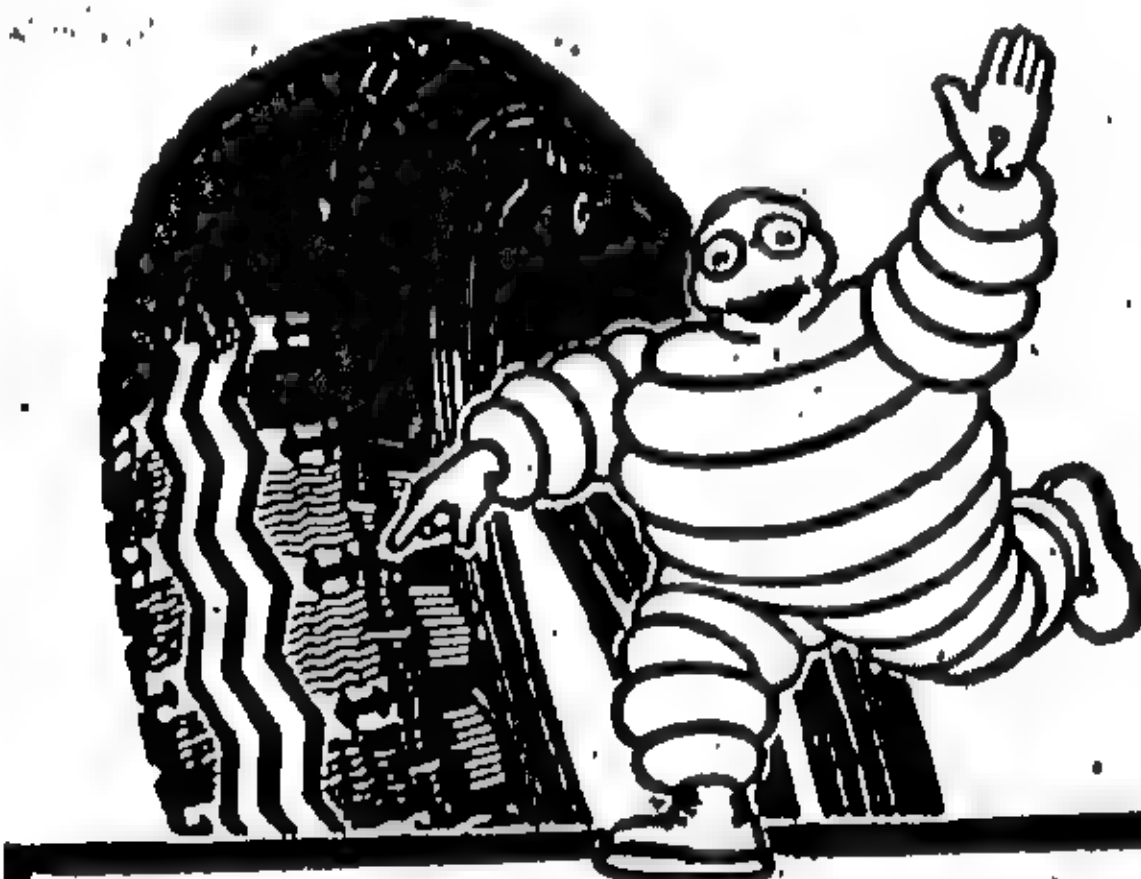
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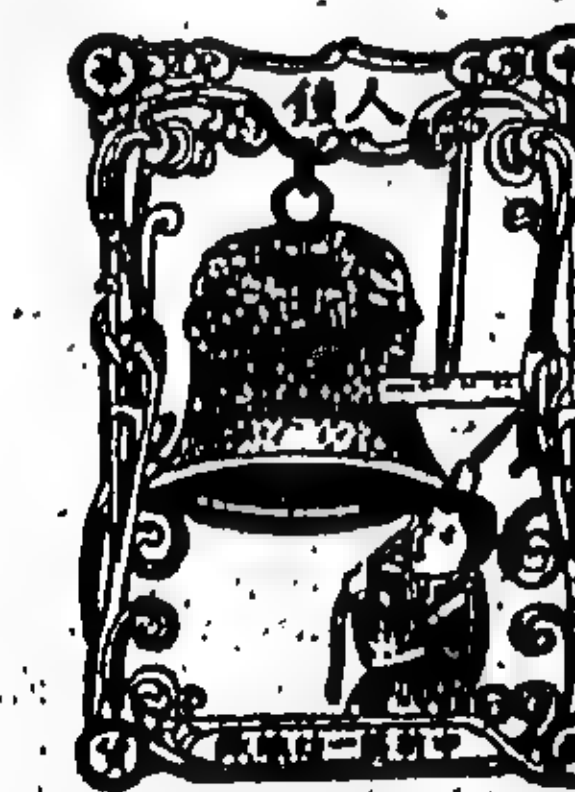


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Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/
Gothenburg/Oslo
on or about
10th March

"GAASTERKERK" Europe, on or about
5th March
Manila/Singapore/
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Port Said/
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Los Angeles 5th March m.v. "TONGHAI"
20th March m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

ARRIVALS
From Date Vessel
Atlantic Coast 29th Feb. m.v. "DONA NATI"
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

MINISTER OF FOOD SPIKES TORY ATTACK

London, Feb. 24.
The Minister of Food (Mr. John Strachey) to-night spiked a Conservative Party attack on the Anglo-Argentine pact in the Commons with an offer to take the whole matter "to the country"—make it a general election issue.—If the Conservatives were not satisfied.
There was no Opposition reply.

London Stock Exchange

London, Feb. 23.
SECURITIES:
British Consols, 2 1/2% 79 1/2
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2% 150 1/2
Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 100 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2% 100 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2% 100 1/2
Victory Bonds, 4 1/2% 100 1/2
RAILWAY SHARES:
British Transport 8 1/2% 98 1/2
Anglo-Siam 15 1/2
Guthrie & Co. 12 1/2
Rubber Plantation Invest. Trust 24 1/2
OIL SHARES:
Shell Transport & Trading Co. 32 1/2
SHELLFISH:
P. & O. S.N. Co., ord. 64 1/2
GILDED:
National War Bonds, 2 1/2% 101 1/2
1932/34 100 1/2
1934/36 101 1/2
Savings Bonds, 3 1/2% 100 1/2
National War Bonds, 1934/36 100 1/2
Savings Bonds, 3 1/2% 100 1/2
Exchange Bonds, 1 1/2% 100 1/2
Redemption Stock, 3 1/2% 100 1/2
FOREIGN BONDS:
Gernsh Loan (Dawson) 7 1/2
Japanese 5 1/2% 100 1/2
Japanese 6 1/2% 100 1/2
Jap. R. Manchurian Rly. 100 1/2
BANKS:
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C. 11 1/2
B.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. 11 1/2
Mitsubishi Bank of India "A" 21
MINING SHARES:
Consolidated Mines of S. America 72 1/2
Consol. Tin Mines of Burma 3 1/2
Indian Copper Corporation 4 1/2
New Union Goldfields 6 1/2
Orange Free State Trust 6 1/2
West Rand Investment Trust 4 1/2
Free State Developments 3 1/2
Reuter's 14 1/2
Coca Cola 45 1/2
Safat Helson 40 1/2
De La Rue, ord. 4 1/2
S.A. Breweries 100 1/2
West Driefontein 99 1/2
Lydenburg Estates 21 1/2
South African Townships 23 1/2
Selection Trusts 50 1/2
South African Turbines 6 1/2
Welkom 6 1/2
Tobacco Securities Trust Def. 2 1/2
Greenfield Mining 40 1/2
Johns River Consolidated 11 1/2
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS:
Tientsin Pukow Railway, 5 1/2% 14
Long Tsin U. H. Rly., 5 1/2% 103 1/2
Beiping Loan, 5 1/2% 100 1/2
Crisp Loan, 5 1/2% 100 1/2
Hukwang Railway, 5 1/2% 100 1/2
Hanan Railway, 5 1/2% 100 1/2
Shanghai Nanking Railway, 5 1/2% 100 1/2
Kowloon Rly., 5 1/2% 100 1/2
—Reuter.

Mr. Strachey said Conservative criticism appeared to be that Government should not have made substantial Argentine purchases. "If you are prepared to put that to the country, it is a proposition which the Government is very ready to debate on any public platform," he said. "There would be no difficulty in showing that this agreement is very strongly in the interest of this country," he asserted amid cheers from the Government benches. Mr. Strachey arose after almost two hours of Conservative speeches, to defend the agreement. He told the House of Commons that he would not disclose commodity prices paid Argentina because it would hamper negotiations, but he denied that Britain was paying £30 a ton for maize as one Conservative had charged.

In defence of the agreement, Mr. Strachey said: "The advantages, and we believe they are substantial ones, for this country are that it enables completion of a railway deal, which is of very real advantage to us, that our substantial food programme can be carried through, that we open up to a very considerable degree a market of the Argentine to types of exports which are closed to us, and that we have for the first time these enormously important transactions with the Argentine on sterling."—United Press.

U.S. Rent Control

Washington, Feb. 23.
In a special message to Congress today, President Truman asked for a rent control law which would run for 14 months and an extension of financial aid for home building.

He urged that this be coupled with the long-range housing programme to produce one million dwellings a year for the next decade.—Reuter.

Shipments Of Gold

Washington, Feb. 24.
Britain shipped US\$182,807,707 worth of gold to the United States in January. The Commerce Department reported this was more than half of the US\$241,567,747 in gold shipped here in that month. The Union of South Africa shipped US\$92,982,120 worth and Belgium and Luxembourg US\$97,970,104. All the shipment were in gold bars except for Argentine with US\$12,009,056 and Switzerland with US\$31,000 in gold coins. Mostly, foreign countries sent gold to help pay trade deficits. Foreign owners, however, had US\$374,932,784 worth of gold earmarked to them at the Federal Reserve Bank at the end of January. That was an increase of US\$14,859,087 over December, 1947.—Associated Press.

Money Market

Gold opened at \$358.50 a tael yesterday and closed at \$361.75, with fluctuations ranging from \$356 to \$362.50 in the course of the day.

Plasmas after opening at \$12.05 a 100, eased off to \$11.85, but went up again to \$11.95 at the close.

Chinese National Currency was quoted nominal at 10 1/2 cents for CNY10,000, both futures and spot.

Tientsin and NEI Guilders were unchanged from the previous day at \$25.00 and \$30.80 a 100 respectively.

U.S. dollars continued on the up grade and business was done at \$5.55.

Sterling was unchanged at \$12.00, whilst Australian pounds eased off, after the previous day's rise to \$12.53.

SILVER & GOLD MARKETS

London:—Silver, spot, fine ounce 45d; Forward, fine ounce 45d.

Bar Gold, per fine ounce 172 1/2.

New York:—Silver, Bar (asked price) 74 1/2 cts. Bar Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35; (N.Y. unofficial) unquoted.

Hong Kong:—Silver: Ready, per 100 tolas 151 Rupees, 04 Annas; Forward, unquoted; Mawari (unofficial) unquoted; New Business, per 100 tolas 151, 02; Gold: Delivered, per 107, 01; Forward, unquoted; Sovereign 69, 01. One tola is equal to 3/16th of an ounce.

Buenos Aires:—Sovereign, buyera 70.00, seller 71.00; U.S. Eagles, 126.00b, 126.00a; Gold, Bar, Per Gramme, 6.60b, 6.65a.

Bangkok:—Gold, Bar, per bahweight of 15.244 Grammes 375 ticals.

Exchange Rate (Selling), Bangkok on New York T.T. 21.00, London 61.00, Hong Kong 1.72.

Gold price advanced in sympathy with Hong Kong. Market closed tomorrow.

Early Free Gold Prices:—U.S. \$20.00 coin 20.40b, Napoleon 4.20b, Swiss Franc 3.95b, Sovereign 5.20b, U.S. Eagle (100.00), 3.70b.

Sovereigns (in free dollars per ounce) \$72.1, Napoleons (in free dollars per ounce) \$71.5, (unofficial calculations).

French Free Market Exchange Rates: Opening Closing U.S. Dollar 305.40 305.20 Portuguese Escudo 12.08 12.03

—Reuter.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

There was some liveliness in the market today accompanied by a large turnover. Prices are somewhat irregular but the whole are steady with signs of firming up.

INSURANCES

Canter Ins. 300b, 400a.
Union Ins. 785b, 785a, 790a.
China Underwriters 715b, 715a, 720a.
H.K. Fire Ins. 315b, 315a, 320a.

SHIPPING

Douglas 260b.
H.K. & M. Steamships 15b.
Indo China (Prof.) 100b; (Det.) 300b.
Shells (Barter) 76/10b.

Union Waterways (Old) 52 1/2b, 52 1/2a; (New) 48 1/2b, 48a.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. & K. Wharves (Old) 187 1/2b; (New) (F. M.) 180b; (New) (P. M.) 112 1/2b.

H.K. Docks 34 1/2b, 34 1/2a, 34 1/2a; China Provident 25 1/2b, 25 1/2a, 25 1/2a.

MINING

Ranch Mines 6.10b.
H.K. Mines 33b, 33a.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. & S. Hotels (X.D.) 20b, 20 1/2a, 20 1/2a.

H.K. Lands (Old) 39b, 39a; (New) 39b.

Shanghai Lands 4 1/2b, 4 1/2a, 4 1/2a; Hongkong Estates (X.D.) 29 1/2a.

H.K. Realities 15b.
Chinese Estates 30b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways 24b, 24 1/2b, 24 1/2b; 24 1/2b.

Pak Tram (Old) 21b; (New) 5b.
Star Ferries 14b, 14a.

Yamnat Ferries 42b, 42a, 42a.
China Light (Old) 24b, 24 1/2a, 24 1/2a; (New) 19 1/2b, 19 1/2a, 19 1/2a.

H.K. Electric (Old) 53b, 53 1/2b; (New) 52b, 52a.

Macan Electric 21b.
Randan Light 10b.

Telephones (Old) 47 1/2b, 47 1/2a; (New) 46b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold. Macc. (Ord.) 20b.

Canton Ice Co.
Cements (Old) 39b, 39 1/2a, 40/39 1/2a; (New) 38 1/2a, 38 1/2a, 38 1/2a.

H.K. Ropes 23b, 23 1/2a.

STORES &c.
Dairy Farms (K. Rts.) 66 1/2b, 67 1/2a; (Rts.) 44 1/2b.

Walton (K. Rts.) 53b, 54a, 54 1/2b; (Rts.) 20b, 20 1/2a, 20 1/2a/20 1/2a.

Lane, Crawford 54 1/2a.

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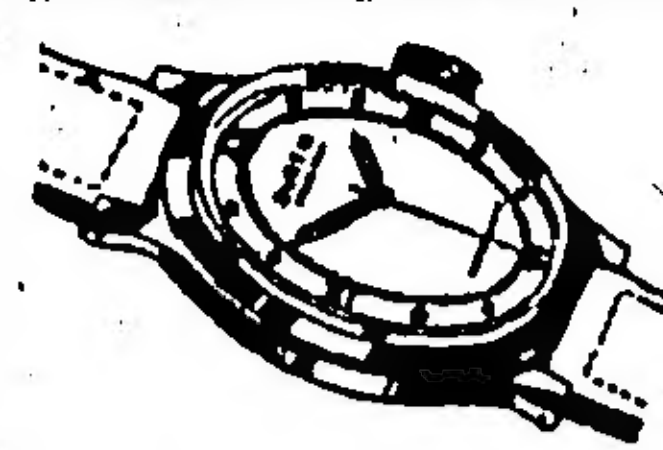
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Indians Lose By Six Runs

Perth, Feb. 24.
The Indian cricket tourists lost their last match in Australia today by six runs to Western Australia here. They were all out for 184 runs.

Victoria Lose

Melbourne, Feb. 24.
South Australia beat Victoria here today by four wickets in the last Sheffield Shield match of the season.

Victoria, forced to follow on 189 runs behind, were dismissed for 280 in their second innings. South Australia, who with four runs to spare, scored 355, while Jeffrey Nobel took four for 53 and Bruce Donald three for 84.

Some fine bowling by Doug Ring and Ian Johnson, who will tour England this summer, gave South Australia a few shocks in their effort to score the 91 runs for victory, for they lost six wickets in the effort.

Had it not been for a sound innings of 22 by Roy Clegg, South Australia might well have been beaten. Ring took three for 32 and Ian Johnson two for 29.

The final scores were: South Australia 407 and 92 for six; Victoria 218 and 280.—Reuter.

Interport Function

The Manila Football Team were the guests of honor at a dinner given by the Hong Kong Football Association at the Hong Kong Hotel last night.

Prising a toast to the visitors, the Hon. Arthur Morse, C.B.E. paid tribute to the visitors' high standard of sportsmanship.

Mr. Morse mentioned that Hong Kong would participate in the Empire Games in 1951 and that every effort would be made to produce a team which would do justice, not only to Hong Kong, but to the Far East.

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. D. Calvo, Manager of the Manila team, thanked Hong Kong for their wonderful hospitality.

In a witty speech, the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro replied on behalf of the other guests.

Mr. Ken Forrow handed Mr. Ugarie the Hong Kong pennant and the function concluded with a Toast to H.M. the King and the President of the Philippines Commonwealth.

Centre-Forward's Hat-Trick

Fielding a strong side, the Non-Chinese team beat Manila Interport Football eleven by six clear goals on the Club ground yesterday after leading at the interval by three goals.

Hong Kong were more at home on the wet ground and controlled the ball better, but Manila put up a game fight and kept on trying till the final whistle.

The visitors were badly handicapped by injuries to Arrieta, their left back, who had to leave the field for a time and Cabarrus, who pulled a muscle and who was a passenger for the greater part of the game.

Outstanding players in the Manila side were Ugarie who gave a very sound display at right back, and R. Nieto in the pivotal position. In the attack, Esteva and Manzano were outstanding.

In goal Llanas also gave a good display in spite of the score against him and brought off a number of good saves.

Breath started off promisingly on the left wing and was the first to threaten Hong Kong's goal before there was any scoring but in the latter part of the game he was seen in the inside position where he was a continual worry.

On the shoulders of Ugarie fell the brunt of Hong Kong's attack. Bates was always drawing his opposing half out of position and Ugarie was often the last stumbling block to the Manila goal.

Manila did not take advantage of their opportunities. They should have scored on at least three occasions, but slowness and inconstancy in front of goal was their undoing.

Bates' Good Game
The intermediate line found the fast Hong Kong forwards hard to cope with, with the re-

sult that they were not able to assist their forwards to any great extent.

Cabarrus had a busy afternoon against the speedy Sewell and, until his injury, did well.

Mello had the lively trio of Kiernan, Mullen and Weller occupying all his attention but broke up many dangerous movements.

Adapting themselves better to the ground conditions, Hong Kong played well over good centres and though he did not score a goal had a hand in several.

Bates, playing his first representative game, did well. He was given much room to manoeuvre and scored a good goal.

Kiernan was seen in some good movements and kept Bates and Mullen well supplied with passes.

Both Mullen and Weller worked very hard. They did not slack for one moment and between them scored four of the six goals for Hong Kong.

Leck did not have a very busy afternoon and was only rarely tested on two occasions.

Mullen's Three
Craighead and Scutar did all that was expected of them.

Gordon and Parvin had their wingers generally subdued and in the later stages of the game found plenty of time to assist their forwards.

Forrow was his usual self and proved a great stumbling block.

Long Kong scored three goals in the first half through Kiernan, Weller and Bates. In the second half Mullen registered a hat-trick. His best goal was just after the interval.

Hong Kong's Leck, Craighead and Scutar, Gordon and Parvin, Sewell, Weller, Mullen, Kiernan and Bates.

F.A. Cup Draw

London, Feb. 22.
The following are the F.A. Cup sixth round fixtures for Saturday.

Fulham v Blackpool.
Queen's Park Rangers v Derby.
Manchester United v Preston North End.

Southampton v Tottenham.
The draw for the fourth round of the Scottish Cup made today resulted as follows:

Rangers v East Fife.
Airdrie v Morton.
Celtic v Montrose.

Ilkley v St. Mirren.
The matches are to be played on March 6.—Reuter.

Golf Notes:

Inter-Club Match With Manila

This week we have the Annual Meeting—the Captain will give a pretty comprehensive summing up of a somewhat difficult period and of the brighter days which it is hoped, lay ahead. A full attendance is requested so don't complain afterwards 'if only I had been there.'

It was a busy week-end at Fanling. First there was the American Cup game on Sunday—a most successful day, every-thing in good spirits and vice versa. The American members put up a really good show and the narrow margin at the end of the day showed that though small in numbers they were relatively strong.

After the final four ball was in, Mr. W.M. Simons, on behalf of the American members, formally handed over the Cup to the Club Captain, Mr. Morrison suitably repelled and continued friendships were toasted.

Result of the Stapleford Competition was a tie between Mr. R.A. Brown and R.R. Coombs with 37 points each.

Altogether there were nearly 200 lifts served on Sunday and the increasing numbers are tribute to the enticing conditions and attractive fare.

Mrs. Riddell-Carre, who is unfortunately soon to leave local golf the poorer for her absence, has roped in the Railway Cup in the last few days—again congratulations and best wishes for fresh fields to conquer.

Inter-Club Game

Lastly this week-end we had an inter-club game (not, repetition, not an interport game). A number of members of Wack Club, having a holiday, asked if they could play a team from Fanling and so Monday saw a friendly match and one, it is certain, which was enjoyed by all.

The visitors showed they could hit a long ball and they excelled in their short game. The home side won fairly easily but if it was golf that was played, Jimmy Bradd and Harry Vardon were champions at dawn!

There is a local rule that if the ball in the fairway is in an unfair lie, then the lie may be improved by turning the ball over with the clubhead. This is not intended to mean one can tee it up, but merely to safeguard the result of a good shot which very occasionally does finish up in an unfair place. As far as the Old Course is concerned this is seldom necessary.

Hong Foursomes

The next big day is scheduled for a fortnight on Sunday when the "under 45's" tackle the over 45's. The lists will be posted this week on the usual notice boards and may be the chance to some of those young upstarts!

The Hong Foursomes is a drawing to be close and in the lower half of the South British Insurance Co. Ltd. and Athletic Performance Co. Ltd. battle for the right to play in the final. The upper half requires to get their skates on to get through on schedule by this week-end.

And now to wind up historical corner. After the original layout of Fanling in 1911, additional ground was acquired in 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 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